

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 908

WHEREAS, It is a distinct honor for the Senate of the State of Texas to pay tribute to the talented and famed star Debbie Reynolds and to extend to her a warm welcome on the occasion of her visit to our state; and

WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mary Frances Reynolds was born in El Paso in 1932; after moving with her family to Burbank, California, she was discovered at the age of 16 by talent scouts from Warner Brothers and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer when she won the local "Miss Burbank" beauty pageant; and

WHEREAS, Her movie career as Debbie Reynolds began in 1948 when she appeared in *June Bride*, and for over six decades now, she has charmed the world with her gifted singing, dancing, and acting; and

WHEREAS, After costarring in one of the greatest musicals of all time, *Singin' in the Rain*, she became one of Hollywood's most sought-after actresses and went on in the 1960s to endear herself to cinematic followers with her roles in *How the West Was Won* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*; and

WHEREAS, Her career continued with numerous performances onstage, her popular nightclub acts, and concert tours in every major American city; in addition, she laid the groundwork for what is now the Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Motion Picture Museum, which consists of what is estimated to be the largest private collection of Hollywood memorabilia in the world; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Debbie was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the 82nd Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; she was the first woman to receive this award, which honored her for her outstanding career and many contributions to Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Debbie has been a passionate fundraiser for numerous philanthropic causes; she has worked selflessly on behalf of the Thalian Mental Health Clinic at Cedars-Sinai for emotionally disturbed children, serving as its founder and president; she has also been a lifelong supporter of the Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Noted for her indomitable spirit, her generous nature, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest, Debbie Reynolds is beloved and respected by her fellow Americans, and it is indeed an honor to have her presence once again in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Debbie Reynolds and commend her for her talent and her many lifetime accomplishments; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate