

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 125th anniversary of the
2 town of Gruene, and among those residents celebrating this
3 milestone will be Pat Molak and Mary Jane Nalley, who have played a
4 central role over the past quarter-century in making Gruene a
5 popular tourist attraction; and

6 WHEREAS, Gruene is a historic district located on the
7 Guadalupe River in New Braunfels and was settled in the 1850s by
8 German farmers; in 1878 Henry D. Gruene built a mercantile store,
9 and by the turn of the century Gruene was a banking, ginning, and
10 shipping center, but the boll weevil blight and Great Depression
11 took a significant toll on the community, leaving it a veritable
12 ghost town; and

13 WHEREAS, Through it all, the centerpiece of this charming
14 locale has been Gruene Hall, which holds the distinction of being
15 the oldest continually operating dance hall in Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, A 6,000-square-foot structure topped with a
17 high-pitched tin roof, Gruene Hall has played host to a variety of
18 nationally known musical acts since its revitalization in the
19 mid-1970s, including George Strait, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Bo
20 Diddley, Lyle Lovett, Jerry Jeff Walker, Asleep at the Wheel, Jerry
21 Lee Lewis, and others too numerous to mention; and

22 WHEREAS, The major architects of Gruene's transformation
23 from a sleepy town to a renowned music venue are Pat Molak and Mary
24 Jane Nalley; recognizing the building's possibilities for

1 renovation, Mr. Molak purchased Gruene Hall and was joined in 1977
2 by Ms. Nalley, who shared his vision of a revitalized Gruene; and

3 WHEREAS, Together they have not only made Gruene Hall a
4 nationally known point of interest, but are also the owners and
5 operators of such thriving ventures as the Gristmill River
6 Restaurant & Bar, Gruene Antique Company, Lone Star Country Goods,
7 Cotton-Eyed Joe's, and The Grapevine; and

8 WHEREAS, Pat Molak and Mary Jane Nalley have turned Gruene
9 into one of the most enjoyable tourist destinations in the Lone Star
10 State, and the city's 125th anniversary is an ideal opportunity to
11 honor them and the entire Gruene community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize the 125th anniversary of Gruene,
14 Texas, and its centerpiece, Gruene Hall, and commend Pat Molak and
15 Mary Jane Nalley on their remarkable civic contributions; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Molak and Ms. Nalley as an expression of high
19 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Casteel

Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 1076

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1076 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House