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H.R. No. 1358

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since 1979, the Greater Houston Preservation
2 Alliance has recognized local contributors to the preservation,
3 restoration, and enhancement of Houston's architectural heritage
4 through the presentation of its Good Brick Award, and it is a
5 pleasure to join in honoring one of this year's deserving
6 recipients; and

7 WHEREAS, Fondly remembered by many Texans as the site of
8 Weldon Cafeteria, the building at 4916 Main Street was designed by
9 MacKie & Kamrath Architects, and its two-story, cantilevered dining
10 room garnered significant media attention when it opened in 1949;
11 the cafeteria closed in the early 1970s, and over the ensuing years,
12 tenants in the building made extensive alterations to the original
13 structure, including the installation of a 9-foot suspended ceiling
14 in the dining room and the construction of a gas station out front;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In 1999, the gas station and building were purchased
17 by one owner, and the gas station was torn down; shortly thereafter,
18 Ray + Hollington Architects leased the space for use as its studio
19 and quickly set about returning the building to its original
20 splendor, restoring MacKie & Kamrath's interior design in the
21 process; and

22 WHEREAS, A true architectural treasure, this structure is yet
23 again a valued part of the Houston landscape and is certain to be
24 admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Ray + Hollington Architects on the
3 receipt of a Greater Houston Preservation Alliance 2003 Good Brick
4 Award and commend the members of the firm for their work in
5 preserving the unique architectural heritage of their city; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for them as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
9 of Representatives.