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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Winnsboro, which commemorated its  
2 sesquicentennial in 2004, has been designated a Preserve America  
3 Community; and

4           WHEREAS, Led by First Lady Laura Bush, the Preserve America  
5 initiative recognizes cities that protect and celebrate their  
6 heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and  
7 community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and  
8 appreciate local historic resources through educational programs  
9 and heritage tourism; and

10           WHEREAS, The celebration of Winnsboro's 150th anniversary  
11 gave rise to myriad public-private partnerships and numerous  
12 instances of community-wide involvement in protecting and  
13 promoting the city's heritage, all of which weighed heavily in the  
14 decision to confer Preserve America status on this outstanding East  
15 Texas community; and

16           WHEREAS, With this new honor, Winnsboro becomes eligible to  
17 apply for proposed matching federal grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000,  
18 which would assist in preserving local heritage in self-sustaining  
19 ways; and

20           WHEREAS, The Preserve America initiative is a joint project  
21 of the White House, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation,  
22 and the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Housing and  
23 Urban Development, and the Interior; Texas ranks second among all  
24 the states in the number of cities receiving Preserve America

1 recognition; and

2 WHEREAS, Selected in 2003 for participation in the Main  
3 Street program of the Texas Historical Commission, Winnsboro has  
4 demonstrated a broad-based commitment to preserving its heritage  
5 for the enrichment of present and future generations, and its  
6 citizens are to be commended for their forward-looking stewardship  
7 of an irreplaceable legacy; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Winnsboro on  
10 that city's designation as a Preserve America Community and extend  
11 to Mayor Carolyn Jones and to all the residents of that fine city  
12 sincere best wishes for continued success with their worthy  
13 endeavors.