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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Mineola has deservedly been designated a  
2 Preserve America community by First Lady Laura Bush; and

3           WHEREAS, The Preserve America initiative is a program  
4 administered by the Department of the Interior and the Advisory  
5 Council on Historic Preservation in behalf of the Office of the  
6 First Lady to encourage and support community efforts to safeguard  
7 the nation's cultural and natural heritage; the goals of the  
8 program include increasing a collective knowledge of the country's  
9 past, strengthening regional identities and pride, advocating  
10 local participation in preservation activities, and supporting the  
11 economic vitality of our communities; and

12           WHEREAS, Mineola joins 36 other Texas towns, such as  
13 Nacogdoches, Waxahachie, Granbury, Georgetown, Dallas, and  
14 Kerrville, awarded the designation and will qualify for grant funds  
15 ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000; other benefits of the program  
16 include the use of the Preserve America logo on signs and  
17 promotional materials, notification to tourism offices, media, and  
18 visitors bureaus, and a listing on a web-based directory of  
19 heritage tourism destinations; and

20           WHEREAS, Residents of Mineola continue to play an integral  
21 role in preserving the character and history of their vibrant town,  
22 and it is a pleasure to join the First Lady in honoring their  
23 remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate the city of Mineola on its  
2 designation as a Preserve America community and extend to all its  
3 citizens sincere best wishes for continued success and achievement.