

By: Hughes

H.R. No. 1478

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Gayland Howell received the 2010 Man of the Year and  
2 B. R. Short Community Spirit awards from the Mineola Chamber of  
3 Commerce on February 15, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Since moving to Mineola less than four years ago,  
5 Gayland Howell has sought to make a difference in the town he now  
6 calls home; he is serving his second year as president of the  
7 Mineola Civic Center board and he is a member of the Main Street  
8 advisory board and chair of the May Days festival; he is also a  
9 former president and current membership chair of the Mineola  
10 Kiwanis Club as well as a George F. Hixson Fellow in Kiwanis  
11 International; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Howell is active in Caring and Sharing, and he  
13 has been part of efforts that helped Mineola to attain Certified  
14 Retirement Community status; he has further distinguished himself  
15 as a director of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, working  
16 diligently to promote the economic growth and development of the  
17 Wood County city; and

18           WHEREAS, Before coming to Mineola, Mr. Howell was a resident  
19 of the Metroplex and a participant in many Denton civic  
20 organizations; he holds a bachelor's degree in business  
21 administration from the University of North Texas and is involved  
22 in the North Texas Exes; retired after 37 years, he was the vice  
23 president of manufacturing at Russell Newman, an apparel company,  
24 and he also served his country in the United States military for two

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Howell enjoys the love  
3 and support of his wife, Bonita, and he takes pride in a fine family  
4 that includes two children and six grandchildren; he attends the  
5 First United Methodist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, The strength of our communities depends on  
7 individuals like Gayland Howell, whose tireless work in behalf of  
8 area residents and businesses has contributed immeasurably to the  
9 quality of life in Mineola; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Gayland Howell on his receipt of  
12 the 2010 Man of the Year and B. R. Short Community Spirit awards  
13 from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce and extend to him sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Howell as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.