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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Neeley of the First Baptist Church of
Mineola received the Lou Mallory Historical Preservation Award on
February 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Named for the chair of the Wood County Historical Society, the Lou Mallory Historical Preservation Award was created in 2011 and presented to Dr. Neeley in recognition of the outstanding leadership he has demonstrated in the renovation of the old Dr Pepper Bottling Company building on North Johnson Street for use as a student center at First Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Mark Neeley grew up in Lindale, graduated from 11 Baylor University, and earned master's and doctoral degrees in 12 divinity and ministry from Southwestern Baptist Theological 13 Seminary in Fort Worth; he served as pastor of the First Baptist 14 Church in Hitchcock before moving to Mineola in 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Dr. Neeley enjoys the love 16 and support of his wife, Peggy, a public school teacher, and his 17 daughters, Sarah and Sally; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Neeley has worked to preserve the rich 19 cultural history of Mineola while also providing area youth with a 20 much-needed community center, and his efforts are indeed deserving 21 of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Mark Neeley on his receipt of the Lou Mallory Historical Preservation Award and extend to him

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1 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for Dr. Neeley as an expression of high regard by the Texas 4 House of Representatives.