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H.R. No. 3036

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pat Molak and Mary Jane Nalley are celebrating four
2 decades of ownership of historic Gruene Hall in May 2015, and this
3 milestone presents a welcome opportunity to recognize that beloved
4 institution; and

5 WHEREAS, The long and illustrious history of Gruene Hall
6 began in 1878, when its founder, Henry D. Gruene, first opened the
7 establishment; the 6,000-square-foot hall quickly became popular
8 with local residents, who gathered at the hall for weekly dances and
9 a range of community events; and

10 WHEREAS, Gruene Hall was added to the National Register of
11 Historic Places in 1975, and soon thereafter, Pat Molak and Mary
12 Jane Nalley bought it and several surrounding buildings in hopes of
13 revitalizing the town; over the decades, the proprietors have
14 transformed the hall into a world-class music venue by featuring a
15 broad spectrum of up-and-coming and established musical acts,
16 including George Strait, Lyle Lovett, Little Richard, Merle
17 Haggard, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, the Dixie Chicks, and Doug
18 Miller and the Rhythm Ryders; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, Gruene Hall is one of the oldest continuously
20 operating dance halls in the state, and it is a popular destination
21 for local residents as well as visitors from around the globe;
22 illuminated by the neon glow of vintage advertising signs,
23 photographs of the hundreds of prominent country artists who have
24 graced the stage adorn the walls, chronicling the venue's rich

1 legacy; nearly every night of the year, live bands take the stage,
2 furthering a proud heritage that has spanned nearly 140 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Steeped in tradition, yet as lively and fun as ever,
4 Gruene Hall is one of the Lone Star State's most cherished musical
5 treasures, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize its owners for
6 their significant contributions to the cultural vitality of Texas;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Pat Molak and Mary Jane Nalley on
10 their 40th anniversary as owners of Gruene Hall and extend to them
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Molak and Ms. Nalley as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.