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Holley-Mengden House and Loggins-Hughes Building now historic landmarks

HOUSTON, May 4, 2011 – Houston City Council designated the Holley-Mengden House at 2240 Glen Haven Boulevard and the Loggins-Hughes Building at 4216 Washington Avenue as Historic Landmarks.

The Holley-Mengden House was built circa 1930 in the historic subdivision of 'Old' Braeswood. Established in 1928 by Houston developer and financier, George F. Howard, Braeswood was planned as the South End's version of the exclusive River Oaks, with gently curving streets, lush landscaping, and large lots filled with 'country' houses designed in the eclectic architectural styles of the time. The two-story brick house at 2240 Glen Haven was built in Braeswood's earliest section, and its French eclectic style of architecture reflects the eclectic manorial styles in vogue at the time. The earliest residents of the house were Dolores Welder and her first husband, William Crabb. In 1938, the house was purchased by Walter and Eugenia Mengden, who lived in the house until the mid-1950s. Their son, Walter Mengden, Jr., who grew up in the house, went on to serve in the Texas Legislature from 1971-1982. A Republican in an era when most Texas legislators were Democrats, Mengden acquired the nickname 'Mad Dog' because of a reputation for opposing almost any bill that was introduced.



The Loggins-Hughes Building, built in 1936, is a one-story, retail structure designed in the Art Deco style. It is located on Washington Avenue. The Loggins-Hughes Building is one of the few remaining historic commercial buildings on the Washington Avenue corridor. Between 1926 and 1936, Carl James Loggins purchased the lots on which the Loggins-Hughes Building stands. Loggins hired a well-known local contractor, W. L. Goyen, in February 1936 to build a new store building. Although the building was designed in the Art Deco style, the ornamentation on the façade is reminiscent of classical themes, particularly on the pilasters, a style that Goyen frequently utilized.



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