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Historic designation bestowed upon the American Brakeshoe Company and the Langdon-Cummings House

HOUSTON, April 29, 2015 – Houston City Council designated the American Brakeshoe Company and the Langdon-Cummins House, as historic landmarks.

The American Brakeshoe Company Building, 3315 W. 12th Street, was built in 1965 as part of a growing suburban industrial development trend in the City of Houston. It provided tenants with both light industrial manufacturing and office space. The building was part of the West Loop Industrial Park (now the Inner Loop Northwest Industrial Submarket), ideally placed for transportation near to the Eureka Junction and the confluence of two railroad lines and freeways. The first occupant was the American Brakeshoe Company, an automobile and railroad brake shoe manufacturer based in New York City. The American Brakeshoe Company Building is significant as a visual reminder of the area's industrial development and as an example of the Modern Style. Renovated by the current owners in 2014, the building retains a high degree of architectural and historic integrity.



The Langdon-Cummings House at 2131 Troon Road was designed by noted Houston architect Hiram Salisbury. The residence was built for Larry J. and Maryland Langdon in 1935 and completed in 1937. The house was later owned by Maryland Langdon with her subsequent husband, W. Morrow Cummings. The residence was designed in the English Cottage style and is noteworthy for its stucco and painted brick façade and steep pitched roof with dormers. It is also set back from the street further than required and sits at the top of one of Houston's few steeply sloped front yards.

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