

FIRST PRESERVE AMERICA GRANTS ANNOUNCED AT CEREMONY

March 10, 2006 - On March 9th, at a ceremony on Capitol Hill, First Lady Laura Bush announced the first round of Preserve America grants totaling nearly \$3.5 million. "Historic preservation," she noted, "has an important place in America. Preserve America promotes education, historic preservation, and economic development while encouraging a greater appreciation of our national treasures – from monuments and buildings to landscapes and main streets. President Bush and I want every American, especially our children, to discover and learn about our nation's heritage," Mrs. Bush said.

The 45 recipients, representing projects in 28 states, are listed on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's website at:

www.preserveamerica.gov/list-0309.html