Statement of Significance for 2106 Steves Avenue San Antonio, Texas

The house at 2106 Steves Avenue was completed in 1939 and was the home of John T. and Elsie Eckel Flores and their family. The house was designed by Mr. Flores and he did much of the work on the house himself.

The house has a bungalow form and the stone reflects the many WPA stone structures in San Antonio built during the World War II era. The house, detached garage and surrounding walls were constructed with cut stone that was brought in by Mr. Flores from Graytown, just south of San Antonio near Floresville. Mr. Flores also designed the unique rear porch which retains its original cedar posts.

The house contains multiple entrances which allowed the house to be opened as a small boarding house to local servicemen and their families during World War II. The house has been continuously occupied by the Flores family since its construction.

The property at 2106 Steves meets the following criteria for local landmark designation:

Its value as a visible reminder of the cultural heritage of the community, or national event [35-607(b)1]; as a boarding house for servicemen during World War II.

Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials [35-607(b)5]; as a unique bungalow style house constructed in local stone.

Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature [35-607(b)7]; as a unique stone bungalow.

Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship [35-607(b)8]; as a home designed and built by the owner in stone.