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PRESS RELEASE

TYLER COUNTY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

WOODVILLE, Texas – The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recognized the Tyler County Historical Commission (TCHC) with a **Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for the 2018 year of service**. This annual award affirms County Historical Commissions that document ongoing, well-rounded programs of history and preservation-related projects that enrich local communities. The Award was presented during a meeting of the Tyler County Commissioners’ Court on Monday, July 8th, to acknowledge the TCHC’s accomplishments.

“The Distinguished Service Award honors County Historical Commissions that go above and beyond to protect and promote local historic and cultural resources. They are essential to our agency’s efforts to save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas,” said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. “The Texas Historical Commission presents this Distinguished Service Award to the Tyler County Historical Commission to honor its efforts to preserve the Lone Star State’s unique heritage.”

Texas County Historical Commissions provided more than 447,000 volunteer hours in 2018, which is an in-kind donation to the state valued at more than \$11 million. The THC assists more than 200 County Historical Commissions through programs and services that preserve Texas’ heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. The THC’s advisory role to county commissions is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that enables county commissioners’ courts to establish County Historical Commissions. The volunteer appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas.

For more information about County Historical Commissions in Texas, visit thc.texas.gov/chcoutreach or contact the History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.