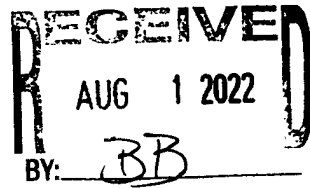




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July 18, 2022

The Honorable Jacques L. Blanchette
Tyler County Judge's Office
100 W. Bluff, Room 102
Woodville, TX 75979

Dear Judge Blanchette,

We are pleased to announce that the Tyler County Historical Commission (CHC) has earned a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for the 2021 year of service. While all CHC efforts are valued, **DSAs acknowledge above average CHC performance** based on a statewide analysis of CHC annual report documentation. Our agency received 193 CHC reports for 2021 and approved 82 awards, quite an accomplishment given that the pandemic limited public programming for all CHCs.

To honor appointees' contributions, **we ask that you acknowledge the award publicly** as soon as possible. Typically, we recommend presenting the enclosed DSA certificate to CHC appointees during a formal meeting of the commissioners court. If an in-person ceremony is not feasible, please consider implementing other ideas listed on the enclosed flyer to recognize your CHC's outstanding service to the county.

Enclosed is a press release so that your office can promote the DSA award and the CHC's accomplishments. An electronic copy of this press release is posted here <https://www.thc.texas.gov/information-2021-dsa-winning-chcs>. We suggest gathering specifics related to the CHC's efforts and including that information in the press release prior to distributing a copy to media outlets. Promoting the CHC's award locally demonstrates your pride in the appointees' hard work and explains their civic contribution. This publicity will draw attention to the positive aspects of county government.

THC Commissioners and staff congratulate you and your CHC on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for supporting appointees and their efforts to preserve county history!

Sincerely,

Emiliano Calderon, CHC Outreach Coordinator

cc: Tyler CHC Chair

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