

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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June 1, 2015

The Honorable Loyd Neal  
County of Nueces  
901 Leopard Street, Room 303  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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County Judge, Nueces County, Texas  
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Dear Judge Neal,

We are pleased to inform you that the Nueces Historical Commission (CHC) is a recipient of a **Distinguished Service Award** that honors your appointees' dedication and hard work during the 2014 year of service!

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) gives this award to CHCs who document successful preservation programs that promote the history and character of Texas. Thank you for supporting your CHC in its efforts to demonstrate how preservation contributes to the livelihood of communities across the state.

To honor this achievement, we ask that you **present the enclosed Distinguished Service Award (DSA) certificate to CHC appointees during a formal meeting of the commissioners court.** We have found that public affirmation is the most effective way to show gratitude for CHC efforts. And, a formal award ceremony is an ideal time to highlight CHC efforts that reflect positively on the county.

Please share the accomplishments of your CHC with your community. CHC projects contribute to economic development and heritage tourism efforts in your county, as well as demonstrate citizenship. **Enclosed is a press release** that can be used to promote the DSA award.

Congratulations to you and your CHC appointees on a job well done!

Sincerely,



Bratten Thomason  
History Programs Division Director  
Texas Historical Commission

Enclosed: DSA certificate, Press Release, Promotional Suggestions  
cc: Nueces CHC chair



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**DATE:** June 1, 2015

## **TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION HONORS (COUNTY NAME) COUNTY WITH THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**AUSTIN**, Texas — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) honors the (COUNTY NAME) County Historical Commission (CHC) with a Distinguished Service Award for the 2014 year of service. The THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to CHCs that exemplify exceptional service and dedication to the state of Texas. This award (WAS or WILL BE) presented during a meeting of the county commissioners court on (DAY, MONTH #) to acknowledge the CHC's stewardship of our state's unique cultural and historic sites.

“County Historical Commissions are valued partners of the Texas Historical Commission,” said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. “We present Distinguished Service Awards each year to high-performing County Historical Commissions that strive for organizational excellence and illustrate the best of what preservation can accomplish for Texas communities.”

Texas CHCs provided more than 375,000 volunteer hours in 2014, which is an in-kind donation to the state of Texas that carries a monetary value of \$8.8 million. The THC empowers CHCs across the state 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 CHCs is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that allows county commissioners courts to establish CHCs. These unpaid appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas.

For more information about the Distinguished Service Award, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or contact the History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

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PRESENTS THIS

**2014**

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

TO

**NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE  
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 1, 2015

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