



# THE TEJANO MONUMENT AT THE CAPITOL

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## LEGISLATURE APPROVES TEJANO MONUMENT FOR HISTORIC CAPITOL GROUNDS

With the passage of HB 4114 authorizing the placement of the Tejano Monument on the Historic Capitol Grounds, Governor Rick Perry is poised to publically endorse the Tejano Monument project. Governor Perry will conduct a bill signing ceremony on Friday May 29 at 10:45 a.m. in the Governor's Public Reception Room, Capitol Building, room 2S.11.

Governor Perry, Chairman of the State Preservation Board, is also expected to call a meeting of the Board to consider final design and site approval of the Monument. The action would mark the final critical administrative step before construction could begin on the front Capitol grounds in Austin.

In 2001, State Representative Kino Flores passed a Resolution (HCR-38) to establish a monument commemorating the early Spanish and Mexican pioneers of Texas. This resolution was passed unanimously by the 77th Legislature.

HB 4114 by Rep. Trey Martinez-Fischer and sponsored in the State Senate by Senator Zaffarini, has finally authorized the monument for the front lawn of the State Capitol.

"This is a welcome milestone in the project to build a Tejano Monument and we are grateful to Governor Perry, Senators Zaffirini and Gallegos and to Representatives Flores and Martinez-Fischer who have helped us with this legislation. We also want to thank our Tejano Monument board and people who have helped us including architect Jaime Beaman and Mr. John Sneed, Director of the State Preservation Board and special thanks to Mr. Renato Ramirez and IBC Bank for their very generous donations to this project, said Dr. Cayatano Barrera, President of the Tejano Monument, Inc.

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