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GOVERNOR TO SIGN TEJANO MONUMENT LEGISLATION TOMORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 29

Governor Rick Perry will sign the Tejano Monument legislation, tomorrow, May 29, at 10:45am, setting in process the erection of the “El Tejano” monument on the state capitol grounds.

The press will be allowed in the Governor’s reception area on the second floor, south area of the capitol.

The Tejano Monument Inc., sponsor of the monument, will have a Q and A following the ceremony at approximately 11:15 in the foyer on the south side, second floor of the capitol.

The “El Tejano” monument will be the largest of 32 statues and monuments on the 22-acre capitol grounds. It will commemorate the 500-year role of Tejanos and the Spanish-Mexican legacy in Texas. The “El Tejano” monument, when finished, will be located on the southeast corner of the capitol’s south historic grounds.

Renato Ramirez, President of the International Bank of Commerce (IBC) – Brush Country, was a prime mover of the project, which took approximately 8 years, along with Dr. Cayetano Barrera, Andres Tijerina, Richard Sanchez, and Eddie Aldrete, IBC’s public policy officer. The artist for the project is Armando Hinojosa. IBC is itself a major financial supporter of the project.

Approximately half of the project’s funds will come from the private sector, and the rest from state appropriations.

Key legislators who brought about successful passage of the bill include Senator Judith Zaffirini, Senator Mario Gallegos, Rep. Trey Fischer Martinez, Rep. Richard Raymond, Rep. Kino Flores, and Rep. Ryan Guillen.

For information about the monument and The Tejano Monument Inc., please see www.tejanos.com.

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