



Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County Closing Reception

Please join us on Saturday, January 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Palmer Event Center, 900 Barton Springs Road for the *Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County* Closing Reception sponsored by the Office of the Mayor Pro-Tem, Mike Martinez, and the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library. The reception will include a ceremony to recognize thirty-two Mexican American Trailblazers as well as Martin Middle School 8th Grade Social Studies teacher Storm Vance, Lorraine “Grandma” Camacho Activities Center Site Supervisor Don Goerner, Activities Specialist at the Camacho Activities Center Daniel Fabelo, and eight students from the Austin Independent School District for their work on an Oral History Video Project with selected Trailblazers. It will also feature a screening of *Abriendo Brecha/Making Our Way*, a ten-minute documentary short produced by the Austin History Center. The keynote speaker, Dr. Emilio Zamora, is a History Professor who works closely with the Center for Mexican American Studies and the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas. The Gus Middle School Orchestra will perform under the direction of Juan Fiestas. The *Mexican American Firsts* closing reception is free and open to the public.

The thirty-two Trailblazers are Susana Almanza, Arturo Lopez Alemán, Daniel Camacho, Lorraine Camacho, Arthur Cárdenas, Eustasio Cepeda, Juan Cotera, Mario Cruz, Manuel Donley, Fidencio Duran, Fidel Estrada, Santos Fuentes, Emma Galindo, Ramon Galindo, Alberto Garcia, Eva C. Garcia, Gus Garcia, Gonzalo Garza, Tomas Guedea, Jorge Durón Guerra, Roy Lozano, Valentino Luna, Rodolfo Mendez, Gloria Moreno, Richard Moya, Gloria Pennington, Gilbert Rivera, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Raul Salinas, Margarita Muñoz Simon, John Trevino, Jr. and John Vasquez.

Since there will be several events at the Palmer Event Center on the day of the reception, a parking charge will apply. To avoid this fee, we are providing you with a complimentary parking pass. Please present it to the parking garage attendant. Copies may be printed and distributed to friends and family. Copies of the pass will also be available in the Reading Room at the Austin History Center. Please call Gloria Espitia, Neighborhood Liaison at 512-974-7498 for further information

