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Fort Bend ISD Middle School Student Wins Texas History Day T-Shirt Design Contest

7 February 2023, Austin, TX—Texas State Historical Association announced the winner of the Texas History Day (THD) T-Shirt Design Contest, Sophi Li, 8th Grader from Fort Settlement Middle School, created the winning design!

Students from across the state submitted their own designs for the National History Day theme for 2023, "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." The student design also needed to have a connection to Texas. The winning student receives \$250 and a free THD t-shirt.

"I'm impressed by the talent that the student submissions showcased. We are proud to make Sophi's design a reality," said Andy Osborne, owner of AJL Advertising Specialties. AJL Advertising sponsors the THD Design contest and also prints the t-shirts that are made available for purchase during the THD state contest on Saturday, April 15, 2023 in Austin.

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The a photo of the student and her design is attached and all media inquiries may be directed to Texas History Day State Coordinator and Director of Education Services at the Texas State Historical Association Lisa Berg lisa.berg@tshaonline.org.

About Texas History Day:

Texas History Day (THD), sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association, is an affiliate of National History Day. THD is a yearlong education program that culminates in an annual state-level history fair for students in grades six through twelve. It provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their interest in, and knowledge of, history through creative and original papers, performances, documentaries, individual interpretive web sites, or three-dimensional exhibits.

Over the course of the school year, students research and produce a History Day entry, the results of which are presented at one of the 24 regional competitions in early spring. From there, some students advance to the state competition in April in Austin, or even to the national contest held each June at the University of Maryland at College Park. At each level of competition, outstanding achievement may be recognized through certificates, medals, trophies, or monetary awards. The most important rewards are the skills and insight that students acquire as they move through the History Day program.

As many as 50,000 young Texans are involved in the program at the regional and state level each year. More than 1,000 students participate in THD, and approximately 80 students represent Texas at National History Day each year. For more information, contact Lisa Berg, Director of Education Services at the Texas State Historical Association, lisa.berg@tshaonline.org or visit texashistoryday.com.



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About National History Day (NHD)

NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park that seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in 1974 and currently engages more than half a million students in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels. The top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY®, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, and Southwest Airlines. For more information, visit nhd.org.