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**SAN JACINTO MUSEUM OF HISTORY TO PAY TUITION
FOR 10 TEACHERS AT THE SAN JACINTO SYMPOSIUM**

The San Jacinto Museum of History is offering ten \$50 scholarships to the San Jacinto Symposium to educators teaching 4th and 7th grade Texas history, announced Museum president Larry Spasic, a former school teacher himself. Teachers in public and private schools in Texas are eligible.

“Winning the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, was critical to creating the Republic of Texas and led to the expansion of the United States to the Pacific Ocean,” Spasic said. “This significant battle happened here in the Houston area. We want our Texas history teachers to be excited about this history-changing event, and to hear the latest research and pass it along to their students.”

“The scholarships are a perfect fit for our current program,” said David D. Brittain, chairman of the San Jacinto Symposium planning committee and a director of the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground. “The Friends is approved as a Certified Professional Educator and issues six (CPE) hours for teachers attending the Symposium.”

The Symposium, a day-long forum to promote public awareness of the events of the Texas Revolution, is sponsored by the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground. The 2010 session is Sat., Apr. 17, at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, University of Houston. Its five speakers will discuss *Skulls, Slaves, and Sex: Secrets of Early Texas*. Speakers include Dr. Ron Tyler, Director of Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth; Dr. Doug Owsley, Division Head for Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History; Dr. Andrew J. Torget, Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Texas; James W. Paulsen, Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law; and Lael Morgan, Lecturer in the Department of Communications at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Tyler will describe John James Audubon’s 1837 visit to the San Jacinto Battleground during which he found skulls that then remained virtually unknown to Texas historians for 170 years. Owsley, who has studied these skulls, will announce his findings. Torget, creator of the Digital Texas Slavery Project, will talk about slavery’s impact on revolutionary Texas. And sex is the topic for Paulsen and Morgan. Paulsen is a specialist in family law and legal history; Morgan is author of *Good Time Girls of the Alaska Yukon Gold Rush*.

Additional information and scholarship applications are available on-line at www.sanjacinto-museum.org. For information, call (281) 479-2421 or email library@sanjacinto-museum.org.

Completed scholarship applications must be received at the Museum by Sat. Apr. 3. Winners will be selected in random drawings on Mon. Apr. 6.