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HISTORIC WALL DISPLAY UNVEILING AT SOUTH WACO LIBRARY

WACO, TEXAS (September 12, 2023) – The City of Waco is hosting a Historic Wall Display Unveiling at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 15 at South Waco Library, 2737 S. 18th Street. The display highlights the rich history of the Hispanic American community in the heart of South Waco.

To showcase and honor our Hispanic history, Waco-McLennan County Library staff created a permanent museum-like exhibit that includes large displays with photos and biographical information of influential Hispanic Wacoans. The canvases of the 15 selected individuals were placed on the walls inside South Waco Library. In addition to the static exhibit, the library also features a rotating digital sign that highlights an additional 15 Wacoans and locations providing a dynamic and engaging way to explore the City of Waco's heritage. An informative card in English and Spanish also accompanies each honoree that visitors are welcomed to take home.

In 2022, a committee was formed for the wall display project to highlight prominent Hispanic Wacoans. A committee of three community members and library staff established the criteria and made the final decisions for inclusion in the display. The committee's selection criteria underscored the significance of each honoree's contributions to South Waco and their broader impact on society. They also sought to recognize unsung heroes whose stories might not be widely known.

A public library has the responsibility of preserving and archiving local history to remember the communities and the people that helped build them. Preserving this information ensures stories are saved, the growth and change of communities is recognized, and our local diverse heritage is celebrated.

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