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## ALAMO MISSION CHAPTER, THE DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HONOR LOCAL SCHOOLS FOUNDED BY THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TEXAS, 1893 to 1898 FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHAT: Ceremony to commemorate Texas Independence Day, March 2, 2017

WHO: Students, Faculty, and Alumni from TMI and St Philip's College to be honored for

their historical significance, will participate in the ceremony performed by the Alamo Mission Chapter of The Daughters of The Republic of Texas. Speakers giving tributes will be Rev. Carol Morehead, TMI Board of Trustees, and Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President of St. Philip's College. (See attached program for full list of

program participants.)

WHEN: Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 1 pm

WHERE: The Alamo

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BACKGROUND: Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT traditionally commemorates Texas Independence Day

by honoring historic local schools on March 2nd. This year's honorees were founded by the Episcopal Missionary District of Western Texas: TMI in 1893 and St. Philip's College in 1898. Today, the district is known as the Episcopal Diocese of West

Texas. (See attachments for histories.)

Alamo Mission Chapter - DRT was organized April 18, 1906 and recognized by the Executive Committee of the DRT at the fifteenth annual meeting in Goliad, April 20, 1906. Special to this chapter is the March 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony honoring Texas Independence Day and Flag Day (see attached). From its inception, the DRT has enjoyed a membership as diverse in background as the men who died defending liberty within the Alamo walls; that stalwart band included Tejanos, a free man of African descent, and individuals who hailed from England, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, and Scotland; among the ranks of the DRT today are also members whose Texas forebears traced their ancestry to Mexico, the Canary Islands, Spain, Poland,

Sweden, and France.

OTHER SOURCES: www.drtinfo.org; www.amc-drt.com