



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Robert E. Lee honored with historical marker

The rain held off just long enough for several hundred current and former Robert E. Lee High School students and Baytown community members to attend the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker honoring Robert E. Lee High School Saturday, April 27. Hosted by the Baytown Historical Preservation Association, Goose Creek CISD and the Harris County Historical Commission, the dedication ceremony took place on the front lawn of the school, followed by a reception in the Commons.

Laura Yopez Reyes, Class of 1987 and REL freshman assistant principal, served as master of ceremonies. Reyes and her immediate family all graduated from Lee, her mother taught at Lee, and her sister teaches at the school.

"I'm very proud of my Baytown heritage and proud to be a Gander," said Reyes.

The invocation was given by Jim Herndon, Class of 1991 and small groups pastor at Second Baytown Church. Dr. Salvador Cavazos, Superintendent of Schools, recognized dignitaries and expressed his pride in the school, whose traditions have spanned 85 years. He thanked the various groups that made the event possible, including the Marker Application Committee, composed of Jean Laughlin McLeod, Class of 1962; Wilyne Laughlin, Class of 1959, Wybra Wooster Holland, Class of 1966; Jan Lammers, Class of 1965 and Trevia Wooster Beverly, Class of 1949.

"Because you cared about preserving and celebrating the rich history of Robert E. Lee High School and you recognized the impact that the school has had on the community since 1928, today we will dedicate a marker that will proudly stand in front of Lee High School forever," said Dr. Cavazos.

REL Student Body President Shubhangi Mundhada led the U.S. and Texas pledges, and the national anthem was sung by the REL choir, directed by Adrian Rodriguez. The REL band, directed by Robert Poulin and Caleb Lopez, played several selections, including the school song.

Members of the Celebrities, sponsored by Alice Henrichsen, and the cheerleaders, sponsored by Clemencia Vigil, handed out programs, led tours and worked the yearbook tables in the Commons.



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Terry Sain, Mayor Pro-Tem, read a proclamation from the City of Baytown. Marti Rodriguez presented a proclamation from the Texas State Senate, and Trevia Wooster Beverly, Class of 1949, presented proclamations from Harris County Judge Ed Emmitt, Texas Governor Rick Perry and the Texas House of Representatives. Judge Don Coffey served as keynote speaker, replacing John Britt, who was unable to attend.

Beverly presented the marker, and Dr. Cavazos, REL Principal Bruce Davis and McLeod unveiled it.

"In the name of the present students today and for those no longer with us, especially those who served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice, we present this state historical marker," said Beverly.

Davis accepted the marker on behalf of the students and staff at Robert E. Lee High School.

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