



State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING RILEY'S TAVERN AND ITS TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION SUBJECT MARKER AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, in 1867 when cotton was "king", Andrew Jackson Hunter bought a thousand acres of land in eastern Comal County for the purpose of growing cotton. In 1880 when the International and Great Northern (IGN) Railroad came through that area, the small settlement was called Hunter and was located on York's Creek. At that time, a saloon or gathering place known as Galloway's in Hunter became a place for residents to socialize. The building is thought to have been built in 1895. There were several businesses in Hunter that were active until the decline of the cotton industry in the early 1920s; and

WHEREAS, during prohibition, the tavern became the home of the Bernardino Sanchez family. After Prohibition was repealed in 1933, the once active saloon in Hunter became active again under the name of Riley's Tavern. J.C. Riley at age 17 was the 1st to obtain a liquor license in Texas after the repeal; and

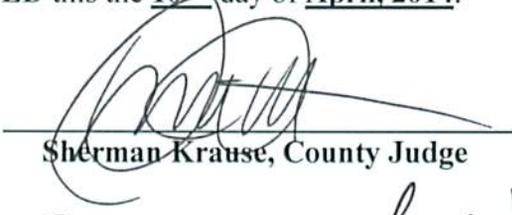
WHEREAS, Riley's Tavern is still in existence after 100 years of being a saloon and 79 years after the repeal of Prohibition. Most of the building and many of the fixtures are original from the late 1800s and Riley's still maintains its old time charm as a gathering place to socialize and listen to music. Stepping into the tavern is like stepping back in time; and

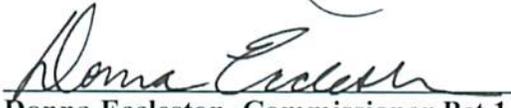
WHEREAS, Riley's Tavern has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker that is now displayed at 8894 Farm to Market 1102, Hunter, Texas, the site of the business. The dedication of the marker was held on Saturday, April 5th, with music and a celebration crawfish boil; and

WHEREAS, Joel and Angie Hofmann purchased Riley's Tavern in 2004 and have managed to maintain the historic value of the property. The proceeds from a crawfish boil in the spring of 2013 were used to fund the marker.

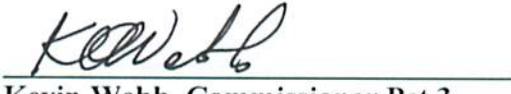
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comal County Commissioners Court duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend you on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 10TH day of April, 2014.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3

ABSENT
Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest:


Joy Streater, County Clerk

