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PRESS RELEASE

Gunter Middle School students and teachers work to conserve historic county map at the Texas General Land Office

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GUNTER, TX — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush released the following statement, applauding Gunter Middle School 7th graders for their dedication to Saving Texas History and their work to help conserve a historic map at the Texas General Land Office.

After attending a Texas history educator's workshop offered by the Texas General Land Office in 2017, Mrs. Jill Rodarmer, a teacher at Gunter Middle School, realized the importance and overwhelming need to conserve many of the one-of-a-kind maps housed at the GLO. Following the workshop, Mrs. Rodarmer concluded that raising funds to conserve the 1913 outline map of Grayson County would be a great way to teach her students about making a difference and saving Texas history for future generations. Under her leadership, Gunter Middle School began a project to raise funds to "save a map" and teach their students the importance of studying and protecting our shared history.

"Some donations to the Save Texas History program honor a loved one, while others are from Texans wanting to secure a permanent home for a family treasure handed down through multiple generations," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "Donations like this one from Mrs. Rodarmer's 7th grade class at Gunter Middle School inspire younger generations to learn about our community and work together towards a common goal by conserving a piece of our past. Teachers, like Mrs. Rodarmer, are some of the most important members of our society because of their role in educating the future leaders of this great state. I commend her for taking the lead on this project, and I am inspired by the young people in her classroom for doing what they can to Save Texas History."

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Created in 2004, the Save Texas History program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of the historic maps and documents housed in the GLO Archives.