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Texas Instruments Underwrites Scholarship Program for Premier Summer Teacher Institute of National Archives

June 21, 2007--Washington, D.C.--Teachers across the country can thank Texas Instruments for helping put the National Archives' premier teacher institute within their reach. A \$20,000 gift from Texas Instruments will be used by the Foundation for the National Archives for a 2007 scholarship program to help teachers this summer attend *Primarily Teaching: Original Documents and Classroom Strategies*. The scholarship program will make the popular professional development program more accessible to a greater range of teachers and will enable it to serve a more diverse selection of teachers.

Texas Instruments CEO Rich Templeton said, "Our company has a long history of providing teachers and students with the latest educational technology. Through this grant we are excited to help give teachers the tools they need to bring history to life with primary source records. Using first-hand records of history is a powerful teaching tool in the classroom."

Archivist of the United States Allen Weinstein said, "This gift is yet another example of Texas Instruments' dedication to education and its continuing commitment to educational programs of the National Archives. I am deeply grateful for Texas Instruments' support."

Since 2000, Texas Instruments has contributed \$110,000 in separate grants to help fund the creation of the ReSource Room in the National Archives building in Washington, DC, where *Primarily Teaching* is held in the national capital region.

Educators attend the *Primarily Teaching* summer institute for in-depth training on using primary source records in the classroom. Through lectures, demonstrations, document analysis, independent research, and group work, teachers learn how to do research in historical records and how to present documents in ways that sharpen students' skills and enthusiasm for history, social studies, and the humanities. This year's participants will explore topics that range from American foreign policy on China to the Holocaust, from women homesteaders to Watergate.

Research on student learning continues to emphasize the need for better history education. The National Assessment of Educational Progress recently released the results of the *Nation's Report Card: U.S. History 2006*, a survey of academic performance of American students in fourth, eighth and twelfth grades. While the students made higher scores than in previous assessments, the study showed proficiency in only 18 percent of fourth graders, 17 percent of eighth graders, and 13 percent of high school seniors. Proficiency, even among fourth graders, includes the ability to identify, describe, and comment on significant historical documents and the ability to interpret primary sources. *Primarily Teaching* encourages strategies for teaching students these important skills.

Primarily Teaching has been one of the most popular educational programs created by the National Archives since its inception 30 years ago at the Washington, DC facility. This year the National Archives will hold the institute at eight sites across the country:

- The National Archives, Washington, DC, June 20 - 29, 2007
- The National Archives Pacific Region (Laguna Niguel, CA), July 17-26, 2007
- The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, KS, July 19 - 27, 2007
- The National Archives Southwest Region (Ft. Worth, TX), July 23-27, 2007
- The Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, TX, July 30-August 3, 2007
- The Gerald Ford Library, Ann Arbor, MI, July 30-August 3, 2007
- The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station, TX, August 6 - 10, 2007
- The National Archives Northeast Region, (Boston-Waltham), MA, August 13-17, 2007

Despite its expansion to locations across the country, many of the costs of attending the institute are still prohibitive for many teachers. Costs such as travel, accommodations, and child care can be significant. The Foundation for the National Archives and its scholarship program, generously underwritten by Texas Instruments for 2007, provides grants to all teachers who successfully complete the program.

“Texas Instruments’ generous gift is designed to help reduce barriers to participation in the important professional development program so that teachers representing greater geographic and socioeconomic diversity can attend,” said Tom Wheeler, President of the Foundation for the National Archives. “We are so pleased to have a partner in our effort to make this award-winning institute more accessible to teachers.”

About the Foundation for the National Archives

Created in 1992, the Foundation for the National Archives is an independent nonprofit organization committed to increasing public awareness and appreciation of the National Archives as an essential resource in the American democracy. The Foundation serves as the private-sector partner of the National Archives in the creation of the *National Archives Experience*, a national civic literacy initiative which includes permanent exhibits, educational programs, traveling exhibits, special events and screenings, educational literature, and historical/records-related products and media. The Foundation supports these activities by generating financial and creative support from individuals,

foundations and corporations who share a belief in the importance of innovative civics education.

About the National Archives and Records Administration

The National Archives and Records Administration is a Federal agency that serves American democracy by safeguarding and preserving the records of our government, ensuring that the people can discover, use, and learn from this documentary heritage. It supports democracy, promotes civic education, and facilitates historical understanding of our national experience. Every subject relating to American history is covered in the nine billion pages, the millions of photographs, maps and electronic records and the thousands of motion pictures and audio recordings that are available to the public at the National Archives nationwide. The National Archives maintains 20 regional records facilities and 12 Presidential libraries nationwide, as well as the Office of the Federal Register, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), and the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

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For more information about Primarily Teaching, visit <http://www.archives.gov/education/primarily-teaching/>.

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