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SEN. LARRY TAYLOR ANNOUNCES GALVESTON PRESERVATION GRANT RECIPIENT
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Galveston

AUSTIN, TEXAS (April 28, 2015)... State Senator Larry Taylor (R – Friendswood) announced today that St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Galveston was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, a program of the Texas Historical Commission. This grant will assist St. Joseph's in its effort to preserve this historic church.

This grant program was suspended due to the 82nd Texas Legislature's budget restriction in 2011, but has been reinstated for 2015 awardees. The Texas Historical Commission selected 23 preservation projects from 33 proposal applicants to be recipients of grants awards totaling \$530,000.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church was built by German immigrants and was dedicated in April 1860 to St. Joseph, the patron saint of laborers. Today, St. Joseph's Church is one of the four oldest church buildings in Galveston, the oldest German Catholic Church building in Texas and is only one of the few pre-Civil War buildings left on Galveston Island.

"Investing in St. Joseph's as a Texas historical site means a lot to folks in our local community, especially those working diligently with the Galveston Historical Foundation," said Sen. Larry Taylor. "Preserving the historic significance of St. Joseph's Church will help sustain Galveston's strong tourism and business industries."

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For more information About St. John's Catholic Church in Galveston, visit:
<http://www.galvestonhistory.org/attractions/architectural-heritage/st-josephs-church>

To view a list of grant recipients and projects, visit the Texas Historical Commission website at:
www.thc.state.tx.us

Sen. Larry Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of parts of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, Sen. Taylor served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

<http://www.senate.state.tx.us/75r/senate/members/dist11/dist11.htm>

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