

# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



## BRISCOE CAIN *District 128*

March 2, 2020

Texas Historical Commission  
C/O Chairman John L. Nau, III  
PO Box 12275  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Chairman Nau,

I commend the Texas Historical Commission for delaying a decision to move the Alamo Cenotaph. During the 86th Texas Legislature, I joined with many of my colleagues, along with our constituents, in asking that the Alamo Cenotaph, as part of the Alamo Master Plan, not be dismantled or moved. Today, I write to the Texas Historical Commission to again ask you not to allow the Alamo Cenotaph to be moved from its current location.

In 1936, The Texas Centennial Commission commissioned the Alamo Cenotaph under the theme the "Spirit of Sacrifice." Begun in 1937, the Alamo Cenotaph has long stood commemoration for those Texians who gave the ultimate sacrifice and chose to defend the Alamo. Those who were killed during the Fall of the Alamo were not given the honor of a proper Christian burial, rather as retribution for their rebellion their bodies were burned in a funeral pyre. For over eighty years, the Alamo Cenotaph has served as an empty tomb and reminder to all the World of those brave Texians's who refused to surrender.

Their sacrifice was not only for the Alamo—it was for Independence from a radical and dictatorial federal government. Their sacrifice is deserving of honor. The monument memorializing their fight for Liberty should remain in the place their blood was shed.

As Texans, we should never allow ourselves to forget the sacrifices made for a free and independent Texas. I urge the Texas Historical Commission to honor the Alamo Defenders' sacrifice and not move the Alamo Cenotaph.

God Bless Texas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Cain".

Briscoe Cain  
Texas State Representative  
House District 128

