



# 2022 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR MEMORY BOOK



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Congratulations on being selected to represent your co-op on the 2022 Government-in-Action Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

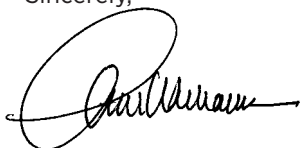
You are now part of a select group of high school students from electric cooperatives across the U.S. who have participated in this program through the generations. Many of those participants are now in leadership positions in local, state and national government as a result of their experiences in our nation's capital. Many more say it was a turning point in their lives that led them to service careers in health care, justice and education. We hope this experience will enrich your life, as well.

During this trip, you will visit congressional representatives from your district in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. You will tour the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court, the guardian of our Constitution and freedoms. You will see awe-inspiring historical shrines, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

While in Washington, you are a privileged ambassador for your community, for Texas and for the electric cooperative program. We are very proud of you.

On behalf of the electric cooperatives of Texas, we commend you and wish you safe travels.

Sincerely,



Mike Williams  
President/CEO



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# Itinerary

## **SUNDAY, June 12**

- Arrival in Austin | Registration
- Orientation
- Dinner



## **MONDAY, June 13**

- Tour Texas State Cemetery
- Tour Capitol and Visitors Center | Picnic lunch
- Bus tour of Austin
- Dinner at Hotel and Ice Breaker Activity



## **TUESDAY, June 14**

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Explore Smithsonian Institution
- NRECA Welcome Event



## **WEDNESDAY, June 15**

- Photo session on Capitol Hill
- Visit Congressional Representatives | Tour US Capitol
- Lunch on Capitol Hill
- Visit Supreme Court and Library of Congress
- In-room pizza party



## **THURSDAY, June 16**

- Breakfast at Royal Restaurant and Cafe, Old Town Alexandria
- Tour National Cathedral
- Picnic at National Mall
- Tour memorials and monuments
- Dinner at Old Town Alexandria



## **FRIDAY, June 17**

- Photo session at the White House
- Tour Museum of the Bible
- Lunch at Pentagon City Mall
- Dinner at KC Café, Kennedy Center
- Performance at Kennedy Center



### **SATURDAY, June 18**

- Tour Arlington National Cemetery
- Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Picnic at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima)
- Youth Day Dinner
- Youth Day Program



### **SUNDAY, June 19**

- Devotional at Hyatt Regency
- Breakfast at Royal Café Restaurant and Café, Old Town
- Visit and Lunch at Mount Vernon
- Potomac River Boat Cruise and Dance on the Spirit of Mount Vernon



### **MONDAY, June 20**

- Return to Austin
- Farewell celebration dinner and talent show
- Texas Boot Scootin' Dance

### **• TUESDAY, June 21**

- Farewells
- Check out at TEC Youth Tour registration desk



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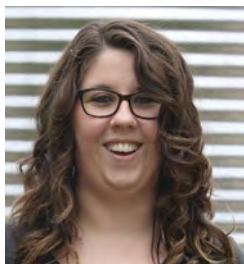
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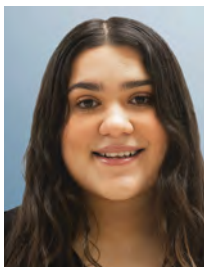


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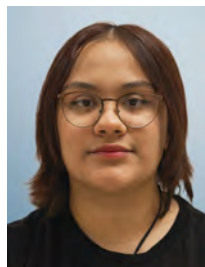
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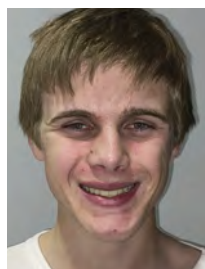
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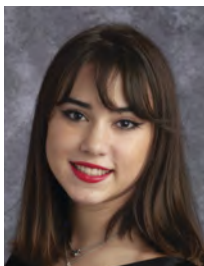
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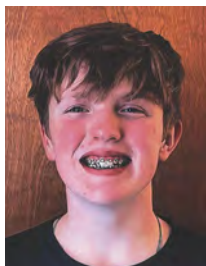
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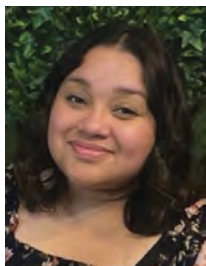
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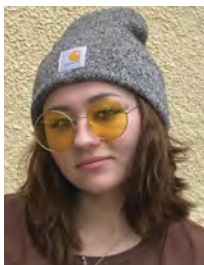
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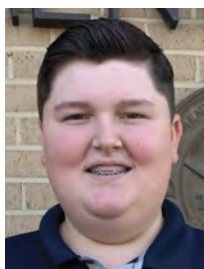
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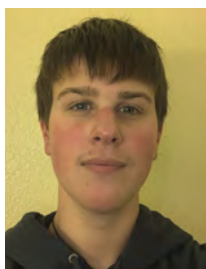
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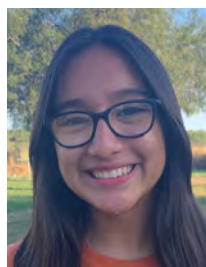
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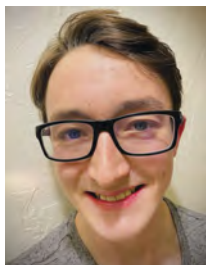
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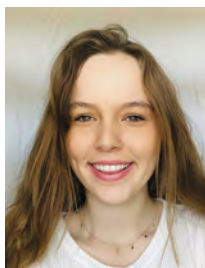
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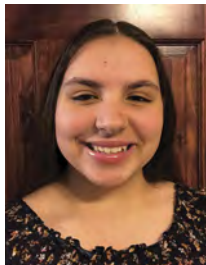
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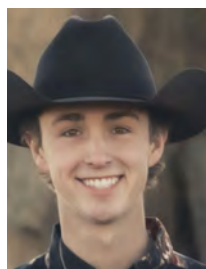
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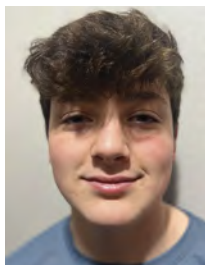
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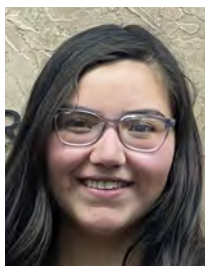
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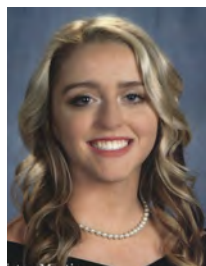
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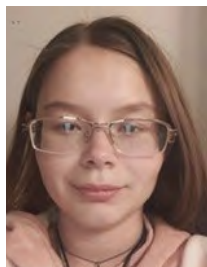
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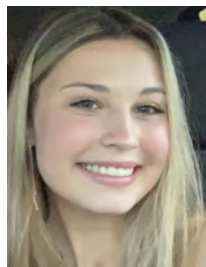
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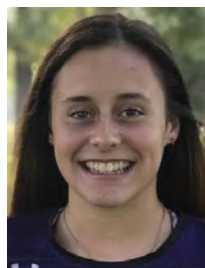
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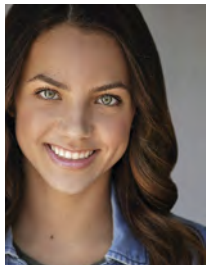
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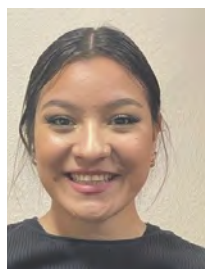
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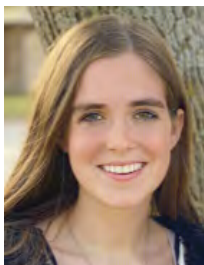
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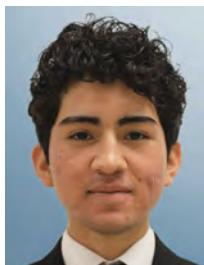
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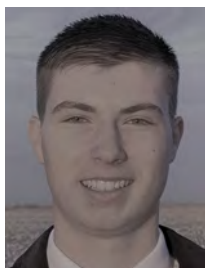
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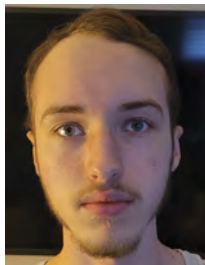
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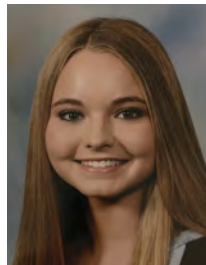
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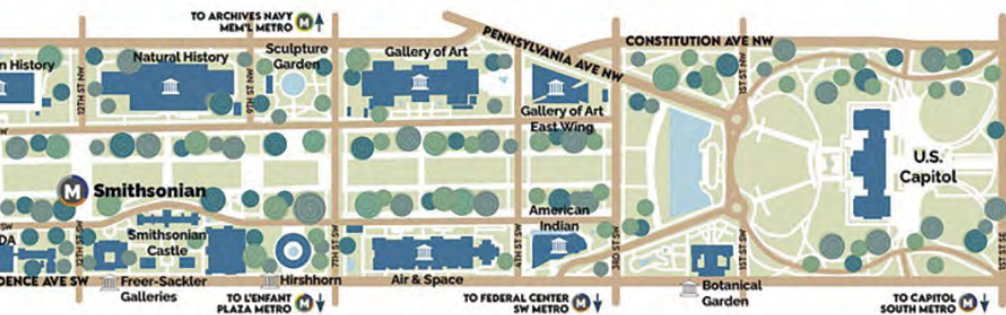
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# Texas, Our Texas

Texas, our Texas! All hail the mighty state!  
Texas, our Texas! So wonderful, so great!  
Boldest and grandest, withstanding ev'ry test  
O empire wide and glorious, you stand supremely blest.

(chorus)

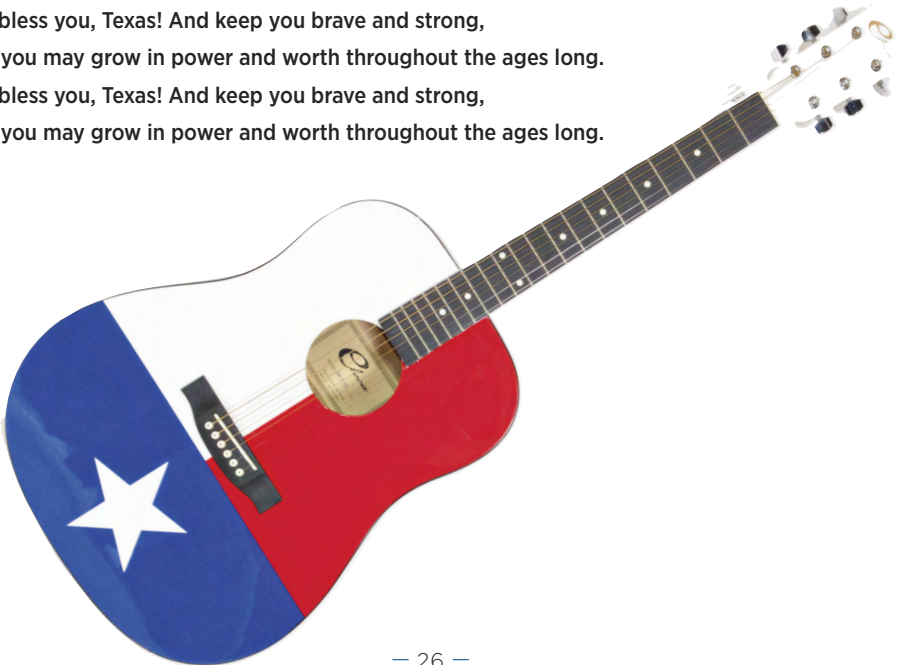
Texas, O Texas! Your freeborn single star  
Sends out its radiance to nations near and far,  
Emblem of freedom! It set our hearts aglow  
With thoughts of San Jacinto and glorious Alamo.

(chorus)

Texas, dear Texas! From tyrant grip now free,  
Shines forth in splendor, your star of destiny!  
Mother of heroes, we come your children true,  
Proclaiming our allegiance, our faith, our love for you.

## Chorus

God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong,  
That you may grow in power and worth throughout the ages long.  
God bless you, Texas! And keep you brave and strong,  
That you may grow in power and worth throughout the ages long.



# The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You

The eyes of Texas are upon you  
All the livelong day

The eyes of Texas are upon you  
And you cannot get away

Do not think you can escape them  
From night 'til early in the morn

The eyes of Texas are upon you  
'Til Gabriel blows his horn

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# Deep in the Heart of Texas

The stars at night—are big and bright  
Deep in the heart of Texas  
The prairie sky—is wide and high  
Deep in the heart of Texas

The sage in bloom—is like perfume  
Deep in the heart of Texas  
Reminds me of—the one I love  
Deep in the heart of Texas

The cowboys cry—ki-yip-pie-yi  
Deep in the heart of Texas  
The rabbits rush—around the brush  
Deep in the heart of Texas

The coyotes wail—along the trail  
Deep in the heart of Texas  
The dogies bawl—and bawl and bawl  
Deep in the heart of Texas

# Youth Tour Legacy

**Past participants are still talking about their experiences.  
Hear from Youth Tour delegates who have gone before.**

“We were up there [at Arlington National Cemetery] after Kennedy’s assassination, and another person on the tour and I got to lay a wreath on his grave, and it was one of the most wonderful experiences in my life to this day.”

**Ethel (Mabry) Ellison**  
Lighthouse EC, 1965



“One of the first historical sights we visited in Washington was the Lincoln Memorial. Before leaving, the Texas delegation gathered on the front steps and sang *America the Beautiful*, much to the surprise of the other tourists. It seemed like the only appropriate thing to do, for each of us had suddenly become aware of a closeness to our country and to each other that we never felt before.”

**Paulett (Tielsch) Renfro**  
Fayette EC, 1970





“I walked across the street to the Supreme Court. I lucked out; the court was in session, and I was permitted to sit on the back row and witness oral arguments. I was in awe. My lasting impression of the tour is the openness of our government—how ordinary citizens can access justice and impact decision-makers.”

**Carrie Campbell** (a practicing lawyer since 1995) | Pedernales EC, 1985

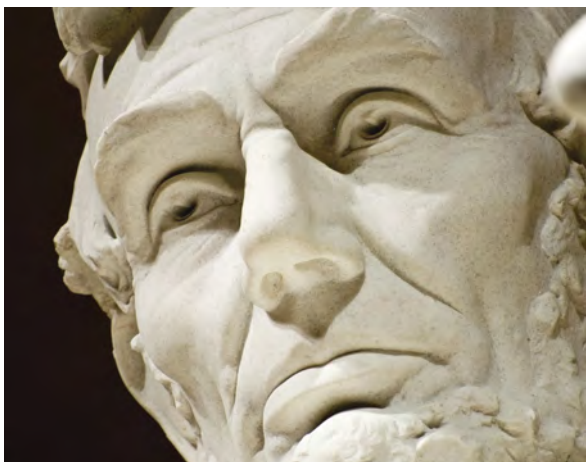


“It was a really moving experience to witness the U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon perform at the Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. We had been hustling and bustling all week long, and suddenly, we were silent, captivated. It was one of the most patriotic things I’d ever seen. These men have made a promise to protect this country, and to see that discipline in beautiful action and precision was amazing.”

**Ashley Clary-Carpenter** | Medina EC, 1996

“One of the most impactful [memories] was seeing the Washington Monument from the Lincoln Memorial, with the serene Reflecting Pool separating the two. Standing there and thinking about all the historical figures who had walked those same grounds, it truly impacted me in a way that is hard to describe. To this day, when I see a movie or photograph with those landmarks, I realize how lucky I was that Fayette Electric Cooperative chose me to go on this trip.”

**Stacey Kovar** | Fayette EC, 2004





“The Smithsonian was just amazing. I wished I could have spent the whole time there, exploring, but there is so much to see in D.C.!”

**Amanda Jo Harman Ritchey**  
Swisher EC, 1996

“Seeing all the names of soldiers [on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall] who sacrificed everything for our freedom gave me chills. You could see people looking for past family members’ names, and it felt like the past soldiers talked to you as you walked the memorial. The statues in the middle of the memorial create such an image in your mind, especially at nighttime when the lights in the garden come on. The names have a soft glow that just makes for a serene sight that will take your breath away.”

**Kassidy Martin** | Swisher EC, 2006



“While sitting in the gallery [of the House of Representatives], I had the great opportunity of witnessing the inauguration of Rep. Ron Barber to complete the remainder of Rep. Gabrielle Gifford’s term. Not only did I see the representatives while they were working, but I was able to see a piece of history being made.”

**Kalie Pietsch** | Fayette EC, 2012

“Walking through [the Holocaust Memorial Museum] and seeing everything that they went through, it just caused silence. To go in there after being so loud and crazy and having fun, and just hearing that silence, it was really humbling. That small voice that I heard when I looked at every picture and every article was telling me to think. I wish I could live this experience over and over again.”

**Sarah Branham**  
Swisher EC, 2012



“During one of the White House visits, we had been waiting on the South Lawn for a long time for the president to arrive. A door to the White House suddenly springs open ... and out walks a Youth Tour participant, escorted by the Secret Service. He had had to go to the restroom. How many people can say they went to the restroom in the White House?”

**Dennis Engelke**  
TEC Youth Tour director, 1976–2000



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