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***“The Great Texas Old Blue Bison
Fine Pewter Sculpture
Donation Premium”***

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THE GREAT TEXAS “OLD BLUE” BISON FINE PEWTER SCULPTURE

The STAR DAY Foundation had commissioned the Quanzhou Chaoqun Craft Company located in Fujian, China during Spring Semester of the 2013-2014 School Year at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group to design and manufacture a fine pewter (lead-free) sculpture to commemorate the launching of “THE ORIGIN OF THE TEXAS PLAINS BISON PROJECT INITIATIVE” on October 1, 2013, “THE 2013 CHINA NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION DAY.” The Sculpture has been created to recognize the ancient Chinese bison that is the ancestor of the Texas Plains Bison that migrated across the Bering Land Bridge at least 100,000 years ago to North America and eventually roamed over the land that is now the State of Texas beginning at least 25,000 years ago. The Sculpture is designated as the “Old Blue” Bison Sculpture. The Sculpture has a base dimension of approximately 25.4mm (1 inch).

The Sculpture also represents “Old Blue” as depicted by “The Great Texas Old Blue Bison Constellation” created by Dr. Andrew Kerr, Curator of the Marian Blakemore Planetarium, and the volunteers of the West Texas Astronomy Club of Midland Texas at the request of The Texas Bison Student Study Group. The Constellation was launched at an event hosted by Dr. Kerr at the Marian Blakemore Planetarium in Midland on the night of a “Texas Blue Moon”, August 31 2011.

On October 1, 2013, The STAR DAY Foundation shall announce “THE ORIGIN OF THE TEXAS PLAINS BISON PROJECT INITIATIVE” as research survey initiative proposed by The Texas Bison Student Study Group to explore, discover and document the origin of the Texas Plains Bison as a collective and collaborative research survey initiative among volunteer schools in partnership with students, teachers and scientist advisors in several fields of research in China, Canada and the United States..

The Texas Bison Student Study Group shall invite Texas 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and others with the help of their parents to acquire “The Great Texas Old Blue Bison Spirit Herd” Donation Premium by making a specific donation to The STAR DAY Foundation at its website to support the programs and activities of The Texas Bison Student Study Group pioneering and leading the effort to help “SAVE THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS---A STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE!” The Donation Proceeds from this Donation Premium shall support “The Official State Bison Herd of Texas Fund.”

The “**Great Texas Old Blue Bison Spirit Herd**” Donation Premium shall be composed of several commemorative elements including:

Donation Premium Element 1: The “Old Blue” Bison Fine Pewter Sculpture;

Donation Premium Element 2: Twelve (12) Texas Aluminum Bison Star donation coins placed in a blue cloth pouch with a draw string;

Donation Premium Element 3: A copy of *Buffalo Land* by William D. Berry;

Donation Premium Element 4: A copy of the Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Bookmark; and

Donation Premium Element 5: A registered FORT GOODNIGHT TEXAS Donation Land and Sky Grant Deed document is included to honor and recognize the donor. The Deed document is a 4 inches x 6 inches document featuring a State of Texas Flag on the obverse side of dimensions 3.0 inches x 4.5 inches. The reverse side of The Deed document features a registered dated deed number for a real parcel of land of dimensions 3.0 inches x 4.5 inches at Fort Goodnight Texas designated as a “Family Homestead.” The parcel of land is designated as a “TEXAS FLAG OF LAND.” The Deed document registration number also identifies as unique patch of sky designated as a “TEXAS FLAG OF SKY” in “The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Sky Valley” located in the first of four (4) Sky Valleys to the east of “The Great Texas Old Blue Bison Constellation” around the celestial sphere. In this manner, a student shall own a real parcel of land and have a Texas Flag fly over his/her Family Homestead forever as his/her herd of twelve (12) Texas Plains Spirit Bison roam free on his/her Family Homestead. A 4 inch x 6 inch plastic display stand shall be included which shall provide the student with the opportunity to display the State of Texas Flag on his/her desk or library shelf at home as an enlistee of the “Texas Pioneers and Leaders (PALS) of the State of Texas Volunteers Each Texas Flag of Land is a parcel of land in “THE GREAT TEXAS OLD BLUE BISON CONSTELLATION MONUMENT AND PARK”, a project initiative of The Texas

Bison Student Study Group to save, purchase, set aside and maintain a parcel of land in Presidio County as a conservation, preservation and restoration land trust as a collective and collaborative SPIRIT OF STAR DAY birthday gift to the State of Texas from the students of Texas.

The STAR DAY Foundation shall pioneer and lead an effort to invite the parents, grandparents and other relatives of Texas 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to make a specific donation to acquire a “**Great Texas Old Blue Bison Spirit Herd**” Donation Premium as a birthday, holiday or end of the school year gift for their children knowing that the donation shall support the programs and activities of The Texas Bison Student Study Group and their efforts to help “SAVE THE OFFICIAL STATE BISON HERD OF TEXAS---A STATE OF TEXAS TREASURE!” for the people of Texas.

Editor's Note Dennis M. Kulvicki is a founder and president of The STAR DAY Foundation established in 1999 as a Texas nonprofit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization with a primary mission to carryout the legislative intent of the STAR DAY bill passed in 1999 in partnership Texas schools and other organizations by celebrating each year the birthday of the State of Texas on February 19th each year to inspire and motivate students to explore and discover the founding and founders of the State of Texas at partnering schools.

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