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The boy made of lightning

The First Children's Book
on the Life of
Voting Rights Pioneer
Willie Velasquez

**Friday, May 9th
is Willie Velasquez Day!**

The boy made of lightning: Willie Velasquez,
American Hero
First Interactive Children's Book
Narrated by Congressman Joaquin Castro

Art by Debora Kuetzpal Vasquez

Free and open to the public

Written by author Bárbara Renaud González
Art by Deborah Kuetzpal Velasquez
Original design, music, art, narrative, pop-ups
and sound effects
Independently published by Alazan Arts, Letters & Stories
(AALAS)

Facilitated by Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D., Director
Texas Center for Education Policy
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Join us on Friday, May 9 for a presentation by author Bárbara Renaud González, and the collaborative team who created this book.

The boy made of lightning is a children's story of how one boy changed the world because he listened to his calling.

This book breaks literary ground in its marriage of technology and the telling of a civil rights story that is sorely needed in classrooms across the country. It includes an original narrative based on a story told to the author by Willie's late mother, with original art, original music, pop-ups and sound.

Written in the bilingual voice of Texas, with "touch-translations," the book is targeted to children, 3rd grade – up, but high school students and adults will enjoy the story. Your feedback will be welcomed.

Reception: 6:30 pm Black Box Theatre



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