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H.B. 829 Allows Leave for Veterans In State Agencies for Reintegration Purposes

AUSTIN - State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) is an author of HB 829, a bill which allows state employees who are former military to take days off for reintegration matters. After a unanimous vote in the Defense and Veteran's Affairs Committee, HB 829 was placed on the Local, Consent, and Res. Calendar on **Thursday, May 4.**

"Our veterans deserve the opportunity to take care of any necessary reintegration affairs without fear of losing vacation days or accumulated overtime," stated Guillen.

Currently, state-run agencies have no specific regulations concerning days of leave for former service-member employees carrying out necessary reintegration procedures. Across the country veterans are missing out on benefits and opportunities due to a simple lack of time, making it difficult for them to properly transition into civilian life.

With the implementation of HB 829, state agencies will be able to grant former military employees leave up to 15 days per fiscal year, allowing veterans ample time to navigate their reintegration affairs. This time is much needed for former servicemen and servicewomen to tend to civilian and military matters alike.

"We owe it to our former service-members to help them adjust to civilian life," said Guillen. "Providing an additional 15 days of leave will give our veterans much-needed time to focus on reintegrating into society."

Representative Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.

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