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GUILLEN COMMENDS PEACE OFFICERS FOR SACRIFICES
Texas, Nation Celebrating National Police Week

AUSTIN - In honor of National Police Week, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) expressed his support and gratitude for the many brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect us as Peace Officers.

"Words cannot describe how thankful we are for the peace officers who continue to protect our state and our communities," said Guillen. "There are so many heroes in the law enforcement community, and I couldn't be prouder to commemorate their work this week."

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 15 as National Police Week. National Police Week is a time for people across the country to recognize the brave individuals serving our communities, and to commemorate those who have died while fulfilling their duty. As part of the occasion, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) held a memorial for fallen officers on **Tuesday, May 16**, in Austin.

In Texas 219 DPS and Texas Ranger officers have passed away in the line of duty since 1823. A total of 153 officers across the country have been killed in the line of duty since last year's DPS Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. During National Police Week we honor and remember those fallen servicemen and women.

"It takes a special kind of person to handle the high-risk situations that our law enforcement deal with on a daily basis," said Guillen. "Our peace officers are tasked with the unforgiving responsibility of protecting us, and it is my honor to offer my respect to them, and recognize their extraordinary sacrifices during National Police Week."

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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