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GUILLEN: ROAD SAFETY PARAMOUNT

Guillen Highlights Importance of Safety on Texas Roads During Work Zone Awareness Week

AUSTIN- Recognizing the importance of Work Zone Awareness Week, Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) calls for greater road safety and discusses prior accomplishments for Texas road workers and drivers.

"It is vital for automobile operators to either move over or slow down and remain vigilant when passing first responders and work zones, the risk of severe and life threatening accidents is high and we must work together to make Texas roads better," said Guillen.

Work Zone Awareness Week began on April 7, 1997 in southwestern Virginia. The awareness week coincides with the start of the busy summer travel season and increasing road construction. By 2000, the National Work Zone Awareness Week partnered with the Federal Highway Administration and brought the event nationwide. The theme for this year's event is that everyone has the responsibility to pay attention when they are behind the wheel.

Representative Guillen has been working hard to enact laws that seek to ensure automobile drivers passing emergency responders or road side crew workers are aware of how to act accordingly and avoid situations that can result in the injury. In 2013, he helped pass a law which strengthened Move Over/Slow Down laws and included protections for both first responders and road crew workers. The law requires Texas drivers to either move over or slow down when passing first responders and road workers on the side of the highway, increasing the safety of those individuals. Guillen also was critical to the passage of legislation last session which prohibited texting while driving.

"Road crew workers keep Texas moving and first responders save Texan lives, so it is vitally important for us to protect them so that they may do their job effectively," said Guillen.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up



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