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## **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**

AUSTIN—Representative Ryan Guillen (District 31-D) congratulates The Coastal Bend Council of Governments on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A ceremony was held Friday at the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association Hall.

“The Coastal Bend Council of Governments is a crucial part to the unity of the region and I’m grateful for their many years of distinguished service,” Representative Guillen said.

The celebration featured a performance by the Miller High School Jazz Band and proclamations read by state and local officials honoring the council for its 50 years of service. The program also honored former members who died, including former Nueces County Clerk Oscar Soliz and former Corpus Christi City Manager Bill Hennings.

The council was first established in 1966 when six contiguous counties (Brooks, Duval, Kleberg, Jim Wells, Nueces, and San Patricio) adopted an inter-county agreement formulating a regional planning commission/council of governments. The Coastal Bend Council of Governments was formed to provide a cost-effective way to plan, coordinate and implement regional projects and provide technical assistance within the region.

The Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG), one of the 24 regional Council of Governments serving the State of Texas, was authorized by the Texas Regional Planning Act of 1965.

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