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## **GUILLEN CELEBRATES EDUCATION AND SCIENCE**

*Kenedy County Elementary School Educates Students in Science, Conservation, and Agriculture*

**AUSTIN** - Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) recognizes Sarita Elementary School and Robert Schmidt, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), for demonstrating the importance of environmental processes to students.

**"We've always supported education in South Texas, and we're elated to see the NRCS take an interest in the education of our children," Guillen remarked. "Science is an important part of education, especially conservation as it relates to agriculture, and it should be available to every child in Texas."**

The students learned the importance of healthy topsoil firsthand while watching a live demonstration. Using the Kleberg-Kenedy Soil and Water Conservation District's rainfall simulator, Schmidt educated over 35 schoolchildren on the effects of erosion, as well as methods used to prevent it. They also learned the importance of healthy topsoil and how conservation efforts can help keep the soil in place, and about where soil runoff ends up going.

**"For many children, it helps to see a scientific process up close. They may not always be able to connect what they learn in the classroom or in a textbook to the real world without seeing it for themselves," Guillen added. "That is why what Sarita Elementary and NRCS did was so important."**

Representative Guillen has had a hand in creating and passing many pieces of legislation relating to both education and conservation efforts in recent years. Among others, he was instrumental in passing David's Law, which helps school officials address in person and cyberbullying, and fosters promotion of mental health education for students. He also authored a bill that will help curb overharvesting of oysters, allowing for the regrowth of oyster populations, and healthy marine ecosystems, in the Gulf waters.

*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 for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*



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