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## GUILLEN ENDORSED BY OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

Texas Oil & Gas Association Endorses Guillen In His Upcoming Re-Election

**AUSTIN** - As a longtime supporter of the oil and gas industry which has brought countless jobs to his district, the Texas Oil & Gas Association has announced their endorsement of Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) in his upcoming election.

"The oil and gas industry is vitally important to South Texans," said Guillen. "It has brought thousands of jobs and economic growth to the area, and I will continue my fight to ensure the continued success of this job-creating industry."

Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA) is a statewide trade association with approximately 5,000 members representing every facet of the Texas oil and gas industry, including small independents and major producers. Collectively, TXOGA members account for over 90 percent of all oil and natural gas produced in Texas. The mission of the Texas Oil & Gas Association is to promote a robust oil and natural gas industry.

Guillen has stood in support of the Texas' booming oil and gas industry because he understands how important the industry is to the economic future of South Texas. The industry has strengthened the local economy for families in South Texas by creating jobs, offering higher paying positions, and using taxes and royalties it generates to fund roads in the community. Since taking office and fighting for the jobs that the oil and gas industry brings to his district, Rep. Guillen's district has seen its unemployment rate decrease from about 10% to 6 and wages in the area have increased 8%. Guillen has also secured funding for roads and other infrastructure which is vital to the industry. His efforts have brought in over \$2 billion to the district in new road funding.

"I am humbled and pleased to be endorsed by such an important organization like TXOGA," Guillen added. "With their support I will continue to fight to protect the interests of South Texans and make it an even better place to live."

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, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen



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