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## **GUILLEN SUPPORTS COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

Representative Recognizes Local Government During National County Government Month

**AUSTIN** - April is National County Government Month in celebration of all the vital work that happens at the county level of government. Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) recognizes the importance of county governments and works to support them whenever possible.

"Counties provide special support and services to rural communities," Guillen remarked. "They are an important structure within the state government, and I'm thankful for all they do to help the people in South Texas."

County Government Month is an opportunity to bring more awareness and support to the importance of county government. Representative Guillen is especially thankful to the county governments of District 31, as local rural governance often falls under the responsibility of counties. Counties provide law enforcement, hospital services, and road maintenance, and in rural counties they often are the only provider of these life-saving services.

Guillen realizes the vital nature of counties, and has worked to support them during his time as a State Representative. In 2017, he helped secure \$40 million to preserve and renovate county courthouses while also creating a funding program to restore county courthouses in South Texas, ensuring that they can continue to function as hubs for county government. He has also been at the forefront of the fight to bring more funding for roads to counties affected by increased oil and gas production truck traffic.

"By supporting counties we are supporting the citizens of District 31," said Guillen. "Counties serve a vital role in the lives of the people of our district, and we are proud to serve them," Guillen added.

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