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GUILLEN ANNOUNCES VICTORIES AS STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASS

House District 31 Prepares For Kids To Go "Back To School"

AUSTIN – As the end of summer nears and the fall begins, kids and teachers alike are preparing to go back to school. Representative Ryan Guillen (D – Rural South Texas) wishes everyone in House District 31 a successful school year, and highlights some advancements made for public schools during the recent legislative sessions.

"We're excited for kids to start a fresh new year of growth and learning, whether they're just starting school, moving into a new grade, or going to college," said Guillen. "Our public schools face many challenges, but I am proud of a few advancements that we were able to achieve in the last several months."

The Texas legislature passed a number of bills impacting public schools during the legislative session that ended in May and the special session that ended last week, including H.B. 22, which aligns the A-F school accountability system with the needs of educators and H.B. 1638, which Guillen authored, to improve dual credit programs. Guillen was also an author of H.B. 21, passed during the special session, which puts over \$500 million into public schools and retired teachers' healthcare. The money goes toward helping schools build new facilities, funding programs for kids with dyslexia and autism, and towards reducing the premiums and deductibles of retired teachers enrolled in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas healthcare program, TRS-Care.

"The students of House District 31 never cease to amaze me," said Guillen. "That is why I am always looking for ways to engage them in the legislative process."

Along with the start of classes, Representative Guillen also offers many opportunities for students of House District 31 to participate and learn about the legislature, including the Student Legislative Session (SLS) for high school students and the Legislative Intern program for college students. The Student Legislative Session, a mock legislative session, will be held on November 13th at the Texas Capitol, and is expected to draw almost 200 students from 30 different high schools. The Legislative Intern program is ongoing and gives college students the opportunity to work in a legislative office. More information on both can be found at ryanguillen.com.

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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