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TEXAS MAIN STREET PROGRAM TURNS 35

AUSTIN – State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - District 31) celebrates the formation of the Texas Main Street Program 35 Years ago.

"Each of our cities has a rich, vibrant story, and the Texas Main Street Program helps to keep that history and energy alive," said Guillen. "I'm pleased to see the program meet this milestone in longevity, and I look forward to seeing more of our cities join the program."

As chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which has legislative oversight of the Historical Commission, Guillen has been a strong proponent of programs that support historic and cultural preservation. The Texas Main Street Program, operating under the Texas Historical Commission, is one of the oldest and largest programs in the nation, with 87 fully designated communities statewide. District 31 holds two such communities, Rio Grande City, who joined the program in 2002 and Cotulla, who joined in 2007.

The Main Street program aims to guide and support participating cities in preserving and revitalizing historic downtowns and commercial neighborhood districts. Since the programs origin in 1980, a total of \$3.2 billion of overall reinvestment has been recorded, 65 percent of which has been from private investment.

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