



# RYAN GUILLEN

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## **GUILLEN FIGHTS FOR TEXAS RANCHERS**

### *Ranchers Continue To See Benefits Of Guillen's Fight Against Animal Disease*

**AUSTIN** - As long as Texas ranchland faces challenges like chronic wasting disease and cattle fever ticks, Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) will continue his fight against such diseases. Ever since he was elected, the representative has fought for legislation to help protect wildlife and the nation's largest cattle industry. His efforts range from creating a system to identify and contain diseases that affect animals to providing relief to those in the industry that have been adversely affected.

**"In this great state, 1 in 7 working Texans is in an agricultural related job, which is why it is imperative to protect an industry that not only provides economic prosperity for the state as a whole, but impacts the livelihood and everyday lives of many Texas residents," said Guillen.**

Back in 2005, Guillen was an author of HB 1361, which created an identification program to address animal disease outbreaks. The program, the National Animal Identification System, is used to classify specific animals in the United States and record their movement in order to provide rapid disease containment and maximum protection of animals.

Last session, the representative was critical to the passage of HB 2, securing \$12.2 million to fight destructive fever ticks. This was an effort to protect the Texas cattle industry, which is the largest in the country and worth more than \$10 billion annually.

In addition to pursuing legislation that focuses on directly addressing animal diseases, Guillen has also worked to help agricultural workers who have dealt with the repercussions of animal diseases. The representative authored HB 967 in 2007 to provide financial relief for ranchers and other landowners whose land had to be placed under quarantine due to infestation of fever ticks. This bill aided ranchers as they dealt with the loss in value and usability of their land.

**"Texas still faces challenges from these diseases, that is why I will remain dedicated in our fight to address and tackle the issue to best protect our agriculture," Guillen remarked.**

*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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