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REP. GUILLEN COMMENDS STAFF FOR HARD WORK

Special Thank You to the People Who Keep Our Office Functioning

AUSTIN - As the 85th legislative session comes to an end, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) this week thanked his staff for their hard work, long hours and commitment during the 85th legislative session.

"Our office is constantly improving," said Guillen, "and it is all thanks to our exceptional staff and their unyielding commitment to improving our service to this great state and the people we represent."

Staff members include:

- Chief of Staff Robert McVey
- Legislative Director Ben Wright
- Administrative Director Jonathan Wilson
- Communications Director Corey Ticknor
- Policy Director Alex Gaudio
- Deputy Administrative Director Jorge Garza
- Deputy Communications Director Madeline White

Working as staff during a legislative session is well known to be a notoriously difficult but also incredibly rewarding occupation. The experience is often remembered for its long hours and the immeasurable amount of responsibility placed on each representative's office. Representative Guillen's staff put in an impressive 1200+ hours each this legislative session, and their help and dedication, along with all the capitol staff, was deeply appreciated, and did not go unnoticed.

"Our dedicated staff were truly a blessing this session, and I am proud of each of them for the effort they put in the last 5 months," said Representative Guillen.

During the legislative session, from January to the end of May, Representative Guillen offered internships to students from across Texas to give them a chance to learn about state government. Our Spring interns had the unique opportunity to help craft important legislation, facilitate communication with constituents, research vital information, and analyze issues received by our office. With the large amount of work needed to be done around the office, Guillen was relieved to have so many capable interns to help him during session.

Interns for Spring 2017 included Juliette Perrier, Zachary Price, Evan Brot, Natalie Sos, Ray Curiel, Houston Putney, Leslie Villacorta, Maxwell Pearce, Hussain Alkhafalji, Ian Sims, Saul Cornejo Bravo, Artem Musiychenko, Ardian Shaholli, Abigail Kellstedt, Alizah Charaniya, Tyler/Jack Baines, David Trevino, Ryan Johnson, Niteka Raina, Jessica Isaacs, Francisco Montalvo, Rosie Zander and William Atallah.

"Our internship program is becoming more and more popular by the year, and it fuels me to see so many young Texans excited to learn about the policy making process," said Guillen. "We had some of the best and brightest students in Texas helping us at the capitol this year, and I'm grateful for all of their hard work."

Representative Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.

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