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GUILLEN AIDS PORT MANSFIELD IN REQUEST FOR FUNDS *Representative, Port Leaders Work to Secure State & Federal Funds to Fix Damaged Port*

AUSTIN - Months after Hurricane Harvey devastated the Texas Coast, Port Mansfield is still recovering from the disaster. In concert with local officials, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) implored Governor Greg Abbott to declare a state of emergency for Willacy county in order to make Port Mansfield eligible for emergency funding to dredge the harbor.

"The Port Mansfield harbor mouth and the Port Mansfield Cut are vitally important to the environment and economy of Willacy County," remarked Guillen. "State and federal assistance are crucial to repairing the recent damage each has suffered."

In response to requests for assistance from the Port Mansfield authorities, Guillen sprung into action to help Willacy county restore Port Mansfield and the Mansfield Cut. The Mansfield Cut has experienced significant shoaling over the past few years, causing it to become increasingly difficult to pass through the channel. Additionally, the port and Cut were impacted by hurricane Harvey in August, causing another increase in shoaling. The damage has resulted in the port and channel becoming almost completely impassable, greatly impacting the functionality of the port and restricting its ability to handle craft larger than small recreational vessels.

Officials from Port Mansfield reached out to Representative Guillen for help in acquiring state and federal assistance to dredge the port and channel using recovery funds from Hurricane Harvey. He is currently working to help them secure the aid they need, including corresponding with federal congressmen and the governor. Guillen is hopeful that Port Mansfield will receive the assistance needed to dredge the port and reopen it to commercial activity soon.

"Restoring Port Mansfield is crucial to the state and local economies, which is why I have been working for the people of Willacy county, our federal representatives, and the governor to make it happen," said Guillen.

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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