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GUILLEN PROUD TO RECOGNIZE FIRST RESPONDERS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

Nominations for Star of Texas Award Are Being Accepted

AUSTIN - The Governor's Star of Texas Award Advisory Committee is currently accepting nominations for The Star of Texas Award. Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) encourages nominations of any first responder or citizen that has given their life to protect others.

"The Star of Texas Award is a great opportunity to show our gratitude and appreciation for first responders who sacrifice everything to protect those in need," said Guillen.

The Star of Texas Award was created in 2003 to honor and commemorate selected peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders. In 2013 it was expanded to recognize all first responders including those serving at the federal level as well as any citizens that were injured or killed while helping first responders. This year submissions for nominations are open until June 15, 2018. In order for nominees to be eligible for the 2018 awards, the incident for which they are being recognized must have occurred between September 1, 2013 and June 15, 2018, and the nominee must have not previously received a Star of Texas Award for the incident. Awards will be presented by the Governor or his designee on September 11, 2018.

Representative Guillen has long supported first responders and those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others. Last year with the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, the nation saw Texan's fortitude. Even though conditions were dangerous in and around affected areas, first responders worked tirelessly during and after the storm to save the lives of thousands of people. Police, firefighters, and other first responders from across the state were also able to help because of the creation of the Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System, allowing many citizens from all over Texas to assist first responders in their rescue efforts.

"Hurricane Harvey demonstrated that Texans are brave people who are not afraid to stand in the face of danger," said Guillen. "With the Star of Texas Award, we can recognize them to show that all their heroic efforts do not go unnoticed."

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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