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GUILLEN RECOGNIZES LOCAL FALLEN HEROES

AUSTIN – On Tuesday, July 12th, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-District 31) helped recognize Trooper Terry Wayne Miller, Deputy Mark Stephenson, and Deputy Thomas Monse Jr. at the dedication ceremony for segments of roads in Atascosa County named for each of the fallen officers, including a portion of IH-37 for Trooper Miller.

"The stretches of roadways that we dedicate to our fallen heroes today, we do so to preserve their memories, to honor their legacies, and to remind each passersby of the brave work performed daily by our men and women that wear the uniform," said Guillen.

Trooper Miller was shot and killed when he was ambushed when responding to a call Tuesday, October 12, 1999. Miller was backing up Deputy Mark Stephenson and Deputy Thomas Monse, of the Atascosa County Sheriff's Department. Upon arriving on the scene, Miller discovered both of the deputies had been shot and killed. Miller radioed for backup but was also shot and killed by the subject, who was laying in ambush in a ditch across the road. The subject committed suicide following an exchange of fire with other officers arriving on the scene, two other officers were injured in the battle.

Representative Guillen sponsored SB 45 in the 85th Legislature which dedicated a portion of Interstate Highway 37 as the Trooper Terry Wayne Miller Memorial Highway. Deputies Monse and Stephenson were both recognized with two dedicated portions of county roads in Atascosa County.

"Thank you to everyone who played a role in honoring these three heroes today," said Guillen. "I truly appreciate the opportunity to have played a small part in honoring these men who made the ultimate sacrifice serving and protecting their fellow Texans."

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