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**GUILLEN AN AUTHOR OF OVER 100
BILLS BEFORE FILING DEADLINE**
6,660 Bills Filed in the 85th Legislative Session

AUSTIN – Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) is an author of over 100 bills this session. Friday, March 10, 2017 marked the bill filing deadline in the 85th Texas Legislature.

"As the 85th Legislative Session pushes forward to April and May, my staff and I have worked diligently to put forth the legislation necessary to make Texas even greater," said Rep. Guillen.

Rep. Guillen's legislative goals range in variety from creating stronger support for military families, keeping minors safe from powdered alcohol, increasing state park funding, taking care of our special education students, and fixing our broken foster care system, to refiling previous initiatives like his Good Samaritan Act. The Representative is very optimistic about his chances of passing a large portion of his bills filed this session, despite the financial shortfall facing the legislature.

"Our work is in no way over yet," said Representative Guillen, "and I am excited to continue to fight for South Texas during the closing months of session."

Official deadlines in the Texas Legislature are adopted when the House and Senate first meet every two years. The bill filing deadline was set for March 10, 2017. The Texas Legislative Council Drafting Manual provides a perpetual calendar that can be useful in finding important dates: <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/whatsNew/client/index.cfm/2016/8/19/Dates-of-Interest-for-the-85th-Regular-Session>

- Bill pre-filing begins: Nov 14, 2016
- 1st day of session: Jan 10, 2017
- 60-day bill filing deadline: Mar 10, 2017
- Adjournment Sine Die: May 29, 2017
- Post-session 20-day deadline for governor to sign or veto: June 18, 2017

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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