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GUILLEN'S EFFORTS LEAD TO NEW FUNDING FOR UTRGV MEDICAL SCHOOL

Guillen Celebrates Expansion Of Medical School

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen's (D- Rural South Texas) efforts to improve the quality and access to medical care in South Texas reached a new high with the recent announcement that UTRGV has secured the state funding needed to complete their expansion.

"Physicians are very likely to practice medicine in the same community they complete their residency training," said Guillen. "So investing in the expansion UTRGV's medical school will help us address the doctor shortage in South Texas."

Guillen's support lead to the approval of \$12.2 million of state funds to be used to cover building costs, furnishing, and stocking the supplies for the newest piece of the growing School of Medicine at UTRGV. The school was founded two years ago, and is already home to 101 medical students and 139 residents. With the new expansion, the school will be better able to support the growing class sizes and double the number of students they can accept.

Representative Guillen is excited by the expansion and has been a longtime champion of UTRGV. He supported the establishment of UTRGV and the medical school, as he saw both as unparalleled opportunities to bring more opportunity to the people of South Texas.

"My priority is public service, so I will continue to fight for anything that improves healthcare and makes District 31 a better place to live, work, and raise a family," said Guillen.

Construction on the new building is scheduled to begin by September of this year.

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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