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GUILLEN HELPS ALLEVIATE TAX BURDEN

Rep. Guillen Looks Back On Tax Cut Accomplishments

AUSTIN - As tax season begins, Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) highlights some important tax cutting milestones he has accomplished in order to reduce the tax burden on South Texans. Over the past few years, Guillen has cut taxes over 50 times, and he played a critically important role in the passage of two major tax cuts, the homestead exemption and the franchise tax cut.

"Lessening the tax burden for South Texans is very important to me," said Guillen. "We must strive to make sure that no tax is unreasonably high."

Property taxes in Texas are assessed at the local level, not by the state, but the state can take action to try to reduce that tax burden. The homestead exemption is a state program that gives homeowners a break on their property taxes by exempting some of the value of their home from taxation. In 2015, Guillen was critically important to the passage of legislation which increased this exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

The franchise tax is a tax paid by businesses for the 'privilege of doing business in Texas.' In 2015, Guillen was an author of a bill that reduced the franchise tax by 25%. The decrease in tax rate provided tax relief for businesses, helped to improve economic activity, and led to the creation of more jobs.

"Business in Texas should not be saddled with a higher tax bill for simply doing business in Texas," Guillen added. "Reducing the burden on businesses helps spur economic activity in our state."

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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