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GUILLEN SUPPORTS BUSINESS GROWTH IN SOUTH TEXAS

Guillen Touts Job Growth In Speech At Local Business Ground Breaking Ceremony

AUSTIN - While attending a ground breaking ceremony for a new Pizza Inn in Jim Hogg county, Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) gave a speech touting the economic growth of the region and his support of programs to further the regional growth.

"A strong economy and business climate is crucial to the economic prosperity of South Texans, so I work hard every day to ensure that the 'Texas Miracle' economy is thriving and that our businesses have the resources they need to succeed," said Guillen.

Guillen recognizes the crucial role a strong economy plays in the livelihood of South Texans, so he has worked hard to pass many pieces of legislation to improve the business climate in Texas. In the last few years, Guillen has cut the state business tax, expanded financial assistance to rural small businesses, established an economic development and job training fund, cut burdensome regulations and red tape, increased funding for economic development, and created the Emerging Technology Fund to help ensure that Texas is able to attract high-tech jobs to the state.

Guillen's efforts to promote job growth in South Texas have been successful. Since 2003, District 31's unemployment rate has decreased from 9.6% to 6.3%, average yearly wages have gone up by 8%, and over 6000 new businesses have opened. In the last year, Texas has added 285,200 new jobs, giving thousands of Texans the opportunity for employment. The month of February was no exception, as 42,800 jobs were added, demonstrating the expanding economy in the state as a result of Guillen's pro-jobs focus.

"Every day, I strive to bring good jobs to South Texas and to keep them there," added Guillen. "These added jobs are a great start, but much remains to be done. I am happy to have the support of the business community as we work together to improve the livelihood of all South Texans."

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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