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GUILLEN MEETS WITH TEXAS FARM BUREAU LEADERS

Legislative Priorities For Rural Texas on the Agenda



AUSTIN - South Texas Farm Bureau (TxFB) officers and Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) met to discuss their priority issues for the 85th Texas Legislature this week.

"The [Texas] Farm Bureau continues to be a strong voice and an invaluable resource for farmers, ranchers, and rural folks across the state. As a life long rancher and having always represented a largely rural district, protecting the interests of the Ag community has always been a top priority of mine," said Representative Guillen.

Since their start as a small organization in 1933, the Farm Bureau program has grown to be one of the most influential group of farmers and ranchers in the US, consisting of over 500,000 member-families. The program specializes in bringing consumers together with farmers and ranchers, to share the values of rural Texas and the Agriculture industry. Since his first year in the legislature, Representative Guillen has worked closely with the TFB to advance the agriculture industry.

During their discussion, Guillen listened to their concerns on a number of topics including:

- eminent domain,
- producer financial protections,
- water rights,
- property taxes, and
- land use regulations.

Commenting on a motto on the TFB website that says, " We have the conversations that move agriculture forward, today, tomorrow and years to come," **Guillen said he will focus on measures that improve farm and ranch operations during the current legislative session.**

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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