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REPRESENTATIVE GUILLEN EMPHASIZES THE PRESERVATION OF TEXAS HISTORY

San Jacinto Day On April 21st

AUSTIN - In honor of San Jacinto Day, Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) celebrates Texas independence and how the Texas Revolution has shaped our state's history and culture.

"As a sixth generation South Texas rancher, I know that Texas history is unique and essential to the identity of all South Texans," said Guillen. "We must preserve our history so that future generations can learn from us and continue our way of life."

San Jacinto Day is an official state holiday on April 21st, celebrating Texas Independence and mark the anniversary of the battle which made it possible. After the famous Battle of the Alamo, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana ordered his army to pursue the retreating rebels out of Texas. The "Texian" Army, under the command of General Sam Houston, had been retreating East in what became known as the Runaway Scrape. After receiving reports that General Santa Ana had isolated himself with a fraction of his army, General Houston made preparations to attack. The Battle of San Jacinto took place on April 21st, 1836 around three o'clock in the afternoon and lasted for eighteen minutes. The Texian Army won a decisive victory and captured General Santa Ana who relinquished control to the new nation, the Republic of Texas.

Representative Guillen strongly supports preserving Texas history and hopes to continue these efforts in the next Legislative session. Previously, he has worked with the Texas Historical Commission to fund repair and preservation plans at the Noah Cox House in Roma, Texas. He has also worked closely with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to increase funding to state parks and monuments for the enjoyment of all Texans.

"Preserving our history informs future generations," said Guillen. "I am proud to be a Texan, and to live in the greatest state in our country."

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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