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## GUILLEN: EXPANDED HUNTING SEASON GOOD FOR TEXAS

TPWD Changes Rules To Promote Time-Honored Texas Traditions

**AUSTIN** - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department added 20 days to the 2018-2019 dove hunting season in South Texas earlier this week. State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) fully supports this expansion of the hunting season because it honors the proud hunting tradition of South Texas while also strengthening the economy.

"As South Texans, we all understand hunting season is a boon to the economy," said Guillen. "It is a time-honored tradition and one that we are proud to support for the good of our community."

TPWD commissioners met earlier this week to discuss the 2018-2019 hunting and fishing season in Texas. They adopted a number of changes including an expansion of the South Texas Dove season, allowing more air-powered weapons to be used, and greater fishing privileges on certain Texas waterways.

Guillen has shown strong support for the proud cultural and recreational traditions of South Texas since his election. He has secured hundreds of millions of dollars for cultural and recreational programs including \$75 million for the restoration of the Alamo, \$40 million for the preservation of historic courthouses, as well as \$33 million for game warden recruitment, equipment, and water safety. Additionally, Rep. Guillen was an author of a bill that waived fees for hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans. Texas residents who are on active duty in the military are also granted hunting and fishing licenses for free as a result of legislation Guillen helped pass.

"In south Texas we have many traditions, it is important we preserve them and continue to allow future generations to participate," added Guillen.

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