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**GUILLEN TO RENAME PORTION OF FM 649 FOR TROOPER**  
*Highway to be Dedicated as Trooper David Lee Nevarez Memorial Highway*

**AUSTIN** - State Representative Ryan Guillen (D—Rural South Texas) has filed HB 1162 to name a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 649 in Jim Hogg County after the late State Trooper David Lee Nevarez.

**"During his tenure, David Lee Nevarez served as an exceptional role model in his community" said Guillen. "People like Mr. Nevarez deserve to be recognized, and enacting HB 1162 is the least I can do to honor his courageous spirit and service."**

David Lee Nevarez served as Captain of the Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Department for eight years before he became a State Trooper for an additional eight years. During his time on the force, Nevarez garnered the respect of area residents and local law enforcement alike.

Officer Nevarez was well known as an officer who was fair and even-handed to everyone, and is remembered as a professional who cared for the people in his community. Unfortunately, on April 18, 2012, David died at the age of 37, after a courageous battle with cancer. David is survived by a large, loving family and by his powerful example of a life of public service protecting the community he loved.

HB 1162 commemorates Officer Nevarez's exceptional service by designating a portion of Farm-to-Market Road 649, between Farm-to-Market Road 2687 and the unincorporated community of Randado. Markers are to be erected at each end of the designated stretch of highway. The project is expected to be funded by the Texas DPS Officers Association.

Representative 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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