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GUILLEN TO HEAD NEW AG, RURAL DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

The National Hispanic Caucus Of State Legislators Selects Guillen As Chair Of New Task Force

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) is honored to accept his appointment by the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) as chair of their new Agricultural and Rural Development Task Force.

"Agriculture and rural affairs are essential components of our economy," said Guillen. "By planning for the future and working closely with farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, water experts, and the energy sector, we can develop sustainable practices to preserve and grow Texas's most precious resources."

The NHCSL is an organization that serves and represents the interests of Hispanic state legislators from all states, commonwealths, and territories of the United States. Their mission is to serve as a catalyst for joint action on issues of common concern such as housing, immigration, education and healthcare, for all segments of the Hispanic community. In addition, NHCSL provides a forum for information exchange and member networking, supports leadership training, and acts as a liaison with sister U.S Hispanic organizations.

As a 6th generation rancher and a legislator who represents a rural district; Representative Guillen was appointed for his leadership and experience that will serve to provide legislative solutions to these critical issues. In the 85th legislative session, Guillen supported a bill to fight destructive fever ticks and protect the Texas cattle industry. Another bill Guillen supported established a \$3 million grant program to fund rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

"I look forward to leading and working with others on this task force and continuing our efforts to improve agricultural and rural development, not only in South Texas but across the nation," said 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

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