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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## **GUILLEN: EARTH DAY IS DAY TO RECOGNIZE ENVIRONMENTAL TRIUMPHS AND CHALLENGES**

*Earth Day On April 22nd*

**AUSTIN** - April 22nd has been designated Earth Day to celebrate and highlight the importance of living sustainably and in-harmony with nature. Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) recognizes that a good and healthy environment is essential to many aspects of Texan life.

**"Earth day is a day for people all over the world to remember that keeping our environment clean and healthy is essential to human life and prosperity," said Guillen. "South Texas is no exception. Our agricultural and energy economies depend on a healthy environment, so we should do everything we can to preserve the environment for future generations of South Texans."**

Earth Day is the world's largest environmental movement, bringing together more than 50,000 partners in nearly 195 countries to build environmental democracy. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. They work through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns.

Representative Guillen has been a strong supporter of lowering emissions and moving Texas towards renewable energy. He was an author of a bill that added renewable methane to the renewable energy incentive program and voted in favor for the continuation and improvement of the Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) to help lower carbon emissions and dedicate \$155.2 million to the program. Guillen supports other renewable energies such as wind energy. Texas is currently the largest wind energy producer in the United States and the energy generated in also used to supply rural and isolated regions in the state. Our renewable energy infrastructure has also lured renewable energy companies to Texas and improved our economy.

Guillen has also been at the forefront of the fight against windblown and waterborne litter and illegal dumping. Last session, he was the author of a bill to crack down on litter and illegal dumping, but the bill failed to pass. Guillen will continue the fight in the next session.

**"When we support environmentally friendly policies and initiatives it not only has environmental benefits, but also health, economic and other added benefits," 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*



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*legislation.” Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*

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