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Representative Guillen Seeks Support for County Emergency Services

AUSTIN - During the County Affairs Committee meeting on May 10th, Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) called for improved assistance to county emergency services.

"Hindsight is 20/20," said Guillen. "We must use this calm weather period after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria to prepare ahead of time for the next disaster that could affect Texas."

Recent natural disasters, like Hurricane Harvey, have tested how well Texans and their government officials can respond to these occurrences. The County Affairs Committee will study how to manage costs and improve emergency response activities while protecting public safety. It will also gather data and insight into how emergency response activities are funded, organized, and coordinated.

Representative Guillen advocates for continued support of our local governments during this recovery period. During the storm, Guillen worked to connect Texans hit by Harvey with state and local resources. He assisted in the restoration of power to multiple residences, businesses, and a nursing home. Guillen urges his constituents to monitor this hearing and offer feedback.

"I was shocked at the destruction Harvey wrought on our fellow Texans," recalled Guillen. "Though I'm proud to say that, as soon as the storm hit, our state and local governments kicked into gear and saved lives. It is my belief that Texans will continue to demonstrate this tenacity to recover. However, now that we've witnessed the destruction of Harvey firsthand, it is the duty of our government to be adequately prepared for the next one; to be proactive, not only reactive. County Emergency Services are often the first line of defense so we must make sure they have all the resources they need."

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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