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GUILLEN JOINS SPEAKER IN CALL FOR BIPARTISAN ACTION

AUSTIN – On Tuesday, June 21st, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D—District 31) joined House Speaker Joe Straus to lay out plans to continue working with the South Texas delegation to address key issues affecting the region.

"Job creation, school finance, mental health funding, and foster care reform are all issues that have a significant impact on our lives in rural South Texas," said Guillen. "As the Speaker said, 'We may not share the same political party. But, one thing we do share is a sincere concern for the good of the state.'"

Straus spoke at a luncheon in McAllen Tuesday where he discussed a number of his plans for the upcoming legislative session. Straus first discussed his hopes to re-establish Texas as a job creation leader, he followed this by addressing the school finance dilemmas and his hopes to improve the conditions of Texas schools. Straus then established his hopes to make mental health a priority and his aims to address child abuse.

Straus also mentioned his intention to balance the state budget, improve access to higher education and dual credit programs, and increase transparency within Texas. Straus concluded by reminding attendees that every Texan has a role to play in state government and everyone should be heard.

"For as long as I've been in the legislature, I've worked with folks on both sides of the aisle to get the job done," said Guillen. "I look forward to continue working in that same manner to tackle the priorities of today."

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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