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GUILLEN WORKS TO EMPLOY VETERAN FAMILIES

AUSTIN – On Monday, November 14, 2016 State Representative Ryan Guillen (D—Rural South Texas) filled HB92, a bill that would allow spouses of 100% disabled veterans to qualify for the Veteran Employment Preference privileges in Texas. Representative Guillen says this measure will reduce unemployment for spouses of veterans and help veteran households sustain a healthy annual income.

"The spouses of disabled veterans are facing the highest unemployment rates in history in the US, and Texas is simply not doing enough for veteran families" said Guillen. "Allowing the spouses of disabled veterans to qualify for employment privileges has become a fundamental necessity, which will encourage economic growth and improve sustainable living wages among Veteran families."

Although employment opportunities for veterans have stabilized, thanks to the employment preferences bill, the spouses are still struggling to find employment themselves. Furthermore, spouses of 100% disabled veterans are not receiving enough money from disabled veterans compensation to sustain a healthy income in their households. The honorable men and women who have bravely served our country, and their spouses who have supported them, both qualify for employment privileges under federal law. Veteran's spouses deserve to receive these same privileges under Texas law, and Representative Guillen believes that allowing the spouses of 100% disabled veterans to qualify for Veteran Employment Preference, would further align Texas law with the Federal Law.

The state of Texas has a duty to protect veteran families, and this is why Representative Guillen firmly stands behind the idea of amending the Veteran Employment Preferences bill. 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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