Washington, DC - Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the inauguration of President Barack Obama:

"This historic day marks a rebirth of our nation and the beginning of a new chapter in American history; the change that our country desperately needed and called for on November 4th has officially arrived.

"Though President Obama takes office facing greater challenges than any other President in recent memory, he must now unite and lead our country through these difficult times. I am confident in his ability to live up to this responsibility as well as our country's ability to come together and overcome the obstacles we are currently facing.

"I look forward to working with the Obama Administration in the coming years and I am honored to know that I will have a role in assisting with the great tasks that lie ahead of us."

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