

Washington, DC – Today, the House passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, taking the first key steps towards making landmark comprehensive clean energy and energy interdependence the law of the land. Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement:

“Today we voted to move our country to cleaner energy sources and towards energy independence from foreign sources of oil. I am proud to support this historic bill that will invest in cost-saving energy technology to save consumers money, while creating millions of new jobs.

“This legislation incorporated ideas from consumers and industries in all regions of the country, ensuring an accurate representation of our available resources and energy needs. The bill provides electric utilities sufficient allocations to cover emissions and keep cost low for ratepayers, without compromising the legislation's primary goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

“As our country moves towards achieving meaningful reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, I will continue working for the families in my district and providing them the support they need. This legislation will build off what Texas is already doing to advance a clean energy economy, and will ensure that hundreds of millions of dollars in investment stay in our state. It also will lead us to energy interdependence as it relates to transportation fuels, which is essential to our national security.

“As a crucial part of our economic recovery the American Clean Energy and Security Act will have a significant impact on our nation and guide us towards a cleaner, stronger, and more secure future.”

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