San Antonio, TX - U.S. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (D-San Antonio) made the following comment on the passing of President Gerald Ford:

"I want to join all Americans in expressing my sadness at the loss of President Ford and gratitude for his faithful service to our great nation. His steady leadership during one of our country's most turbulent episodes is but one moment in a distinguished public life. Throughout his decades of public service, in which he reached the pinnacle of power, he remained dedicated and humble, while never losing his ability to listen to and respect differing opinions. In a time of great scandal, his was a public and private life lived beyond reproach with both dignity and honesty. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Ford and the entire Ford Family."