San Antonio, TX - Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement on news reports that outline the Texas Department of Transportation's plans to push for a federal legislation that would allow the state to "buy back" existing highways and transform them into toll roads.
"The Texas Department of Transportation's alarming proposal creates serious reservations in my mind and the fundamental principle behind their proposal is one that I strongly oppose. The public should never be charged to use public highways that were built with their tax revenue. Toll roads create an unnecessary fiscal burden on citizens and I will oppose any federal plan to facilitate their creation by utilizing the interstate highway system."