

**Washington, DC** - Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the passage of H. Con. Res. 312, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2009:

“In the midst of tough economic times in America, our government needs to be investing in jobs, healthcare, and infrastructure. From accommodating an increase of up to \$50 billion in funding for the children's health care, to investing \$7.1 billion over the President's request for job training and education, to a \$41.2 billion investment in our nation's highways, this budget accomplishes these goals. These investments will stimulate job growth and jumpstart our struggling economy. Most importantly, this budget accomplishes its goals in a fiscally responsible manner that adheres to the House's pay-as-you-go principles without increasing taxes.

“This budget rejects the President's irresponsible cuts but still leaves us on track for a balanced budget by 2012. After far too many years of reckless spending and rising deficits in Washington, this fiscally responsible budget we've passed today truly reflects the needs and priorities of the American public, and I'm proud to have supported its passage.”

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