

## CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO,

### HISPANIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION

San Antonio - Today, Rep. Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) joined millions of Americans in celebrating Cinco de Mayo. This day marks the historic triumph of the Mexican people over the French Army in the battle of Puebla in 1862.

“As we celebrate the importance of Cinco de Mayo today, we also commemorate the significant contributions Hispanics, specifically Mexican Americans, have made and continue to make and how their achievements strengthen our nation,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “Hispanics, just like all Americans, strive for freedom, opportunity, and a chance to build a better life. Today, we thank the Hispanic community for making our economy stronger and our culture more vibrant.”

Latinos are the fastest-growing minority group in the United States with 47 million Hispanics in the United States -- 63 percent of which are of Mexican descent. Hispanics have the largest minority-owned business community, and Latino workers will continue to drive the growth of the labor force. Democrats recognize this entrepreneurial energy as vital to the Latino community and the American economy.

Today, there are 29 Hispanic Members in the United States Congress, including 25 Democrats. Congressman Gonzalez is the First Vice-Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which is dedicated to voicing and advancing, through the legislative process, issues affecting Hispanics in the United States.