

Gonzalez Votes to Keep Kids Healthy, Hunger-Free

Washington, DC –Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX – 20) issued the following statement following the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, legislation that provides resources and reforms to expand access to and improve the nutritional quality of school lunches and breakfasts, streamline school meal program enrollment, enhance retention of children in WIC, and improve nutrition and physical activity in child care:

“Nearly one in four Texas child is facing hunger — the second highest rate in the country,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “For over 4.5 million Texans, the food they receive through the federal programs may be their only meal of the day. Today we took the necessary steps to provide the long awaited resources and access to improved nutritional meal programs that will improve children’s health and reduce childhood obesity.

“When a family struggles to feed themselves, nutrition is not a priority. They stretch their dollars on the cheapest source of calories available. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will improve quality and access to child nutrition for families who need it most.”

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