Gonzalez Statement on the Passage of Food Safety Bill

Washington, DC – Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) issued the following statement after final passage of the Food Safety and Modernization Act:

“One in every six Americans gets sick and 3,000 of them die each year from food-borne diseases. Every person needs food for nourishment but far too many people are getting sick from what they eat and we must do better to avoid these preventable diseases and deaths.

“Today, we fundamentally changed the way we protect the safety of our food supply by giving the FDA the resources and authority to make recalls of contaminated foods, requiring producers to identify and address safety risks, and enacting stronger regulations on the safety of all imported foods.”

The Senate passed the bill as H.R. 2751 on Sunday by unanimous consent. Passage of the bill today by the House will send it to the President’s desk for his signature.