**CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ STATEMENT ON DEBT LIMIT VOTE**

Washington, DC – Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) issued the following statement today after voting for H.R. 1954 – Debt Limit Extension:

"Today, House Republicans played irresponsible politics with our fragile economy by forcing a vote on a proposal they themselves voted against. Raising the debt ceiling doesn't preclude action on reducing government expenditures but today's Republican political gamesmanship was not a serious effort. They sent confusing signals to world financial markets that could jeopardize our economic recovery and risk an even deeper recession. The whole world is watching as to whether we will honor our commitments. We always have and today, I voted to keep our word."

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