## Gonzalez Statement on 45th Anniversary of the Implementation of Medicare

San Antonio, TX – Congressman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX – 20) released the following statement today marking the 45th anniversary of the implementation of Medicare. President Lyndon Johnson signed Medicare into law on July 30, 1965, and then it was on July 1, 1966, when enrollees first entered the program.

“Creating Medicare has been one of the proudest achievements of our nation and today, we celebrate its delivered promise to our seniors, children and people with disabilities. Medicare provides comprehensive health care coverage to 47 million Americans, including almost 400,000 seniors and individuals with disabilities in the San Antonio metro area.

“On its 45th anniversary, I renew my commitment to preserve and protect Medicare while Republicans continue their efforts to increase costs for seniors, cut benefits and end the program as we know it.

“Democrats vow to continue to work for America’s seniors and to ensure that Medicare will be there for future generations.”