Washington, DC - Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement after the Democratic National Committee announced yesterday that it has selected State Senator Leticia Van de Putte, President of the National Conference of State Legislatures, as one of its 2008 Convention Chairs.

"The Democratic National Committee has discovered what local and state folks have known for quite a while about Senator Van de Putte - she truly is a dynamo of energy and talent. Appropriately, I am proud that Senator Van de Putte will play such a vital role in the selection of the next President of the United States. Her understanding of the issues facing families and the need to unite all Americans in these crucial times will prove invaluable. As the Democratic Party charts a course to return our country to the principles of justice and opportunity for all which have distinguished it from others for over 200 years, I can not think of a better American to be leading the charge at our party's nominating convention than Senator Van de Putte."

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