Washington, DC - Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the passing of Congressman Tom Lantos (CA-12), Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs:

"Our country has suffered a great loss today with the passing of Congressman Tom Lantos. Through his upbringing and years of public service, Congressman Lantos epitomized all that is great about our country; as he said himself, only in America could a Holocaust survivor have received an education, raised a family, and served three decades as a member of Congress. He was a tireless advocate for human rights and equality across the world, and he leaves behind a legacy that has bettered Congress and our nation.

"At this difficult time, my thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and constituents."

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