

## **Gonzalez Votes to Save and Create Jobs for Teachers and First Responders;**

### **Assist Medicaid**

Washington, DC –Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) issued the following statement after the House of Representatives reconvened this week to take up and pass the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act, an emergency aid package to help states keep teachers in classrooms and first responders on duty :

“As students in Texas, and all across the country, prepare for a new school year, we are ensuring their teachers will also return to the classrooms,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “This bill will help save and create an estimated 14,500 teaching positions in Texas alone. These are invaluable teachers that are educating our students and helping shape their future.”

The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act provides \$10 billion in funding to save more than 160,000 teacher jobs. It also provides \$16.1 billion in health assistance to the states that, by reducing shortfalls and stimulating the economy, will save and create 158,000 jobs, including preventing the layoffs of police officers and firefighters, as well as creating private-sector jobs throughout our economy.

This legislation is not only completely paid for, it reduces the deficit by \$1.4 billion over 10 years—in part by closing a loophole that actually encourages corporations to ship American jobs overseas.

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