

Gonzalez Votes to Make It In America;

Create Jobs and Promote American Export

Washington, DC –Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) issued the following statement after the House of Representatives passed two bills, H.R. 2039, H.R. 3116, requiring the Congress and Department of Homeland Security to purchase products that are Made in America:

“Our nation is home to the most creative and innovative minds in the world,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “When we ‘Make it in America,’ we are ensuring quality products, while creating high-wage jobs and promoting competitiveness and export of US-made goods. Democrats in Congress are taking every possible step to strengthen our manufacturing base and to create and keep jobs here but while these efforts to rebuild our economy must be pursued, there remains opposition based solely on political considerations.”

The Congressional Made in America Promise Act, H.R. 2039, requires Congress to buy goods and services made by American workers for the first time since “Buy American” rules were instituted for federal agencies under President Roosevelt in 1933, including tighter Buy American requirements for items with the seal of Congress, the House, or Senate.

The Berry Amendment Extension Act, H.R. 3116, bars the Department of Homeland Security from buying clothing, tents and other products that are not “grown, reprocessed, reused or produced” in America. For the last 60 years, the Berry Amendment has served our nation well requiring the Defense Department and the Coast Guard to buy a range of domestically produced or grown items with 100% U.S. content, and today we are voting to cover the DHS.

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