San Antonio, Texas – Congressman Charles Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the passing of Marine Lance Corporal Benjamin Whetstone Schmidt of San Antonio. Lance Corporal Schmidt died while serving in Afghanistan.

"The outpouring of heartfelt sentiment by so many people that knew Benjamin is a testament to his character and humanity. To me, Benjamin will always be the youngster with a smile on his face who loved tossing the football and being outdoors. Benjamin was a great son to his parents, a wonderful brother to his sister, a friend to so many people and a proud Marine who bravely served his country. "

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