Washington D.C.: Yesterday, CHC Chairman Charles A. Gonzalez (TX-20) was presented with the Ohtli award by the Government of Mexico. On behalf of President Felipe C *alderón*

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Ambassador Arturo Sarukhán presented the Ohtli award to Congressman Charlie Gonzalez during the annual ceremony to commemorate Cinco de Mayo at the Mexican Cultural Institute. The award is conferred to individuals who have excelled at promoting the prosperity and empowerment of Mexican communities abroad through their professional activities and everyday efforts.

Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the Ohtli award:

“Shared history, traditions, values and a common border unite the United States and Mexico in seeking what both countries desire: to be a robust sovereign nation that provides economic security as well as safety and well-being for all families. The Ohtli Award recognizes this enduring truth, and it is a tremendous honor which I humbly accept.”

The award was also given to former Secretary of Commerce Carlos Miguel Gutiérrez, former Senator Mel *Martínez*, former President of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) Antonia H *ernández*, and actor Edward James Olmos.

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