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Vicente Gonzalez Voted Against Border Security, Putting TX-34 Communities at Risk

San Benito, TX — Eric Flores, the Republican nominee for Texas' 34th Congressional District, blasted Rep. Vicente Gonzalez today for his 2023 vote against H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act. The legislation would have resumed border wall construction and tightened asylum standards along the very stretch of border Congressman Gonzalez was elected to represent.

Flores, an infantry captain in the Texas Army National Guard who served along the U.S.-Mexico border during Operation Guardian Support, and a former Assistant U.S. Attorney who prosecuted human smuggling operations in South Texas, said Gonzalez's vote was personal.

"I've stood watch on our southern border. I've prosecuted the cartels and the smugglers who exploit loopholes in our system to get across," Flores said. "I know exactly what it costs South Texas families when Washington fails to act. Vicente Gonzalez had legislation in front of him that would have helped secure our border, but he voted no because he takes his orders directly from his party bosses. That's not representation. That's capitulation."

"While Vicente goes on lavish taxpayer funded vacations and votes against protecting our local communities, I've worked to defend our border and put violent criminals behind bars," Flores continued. "South Texas deserves a fighter who's actually done the work and will put our district first, not a politician who's done nothing but rename a post office."

Flores has made border security a priority of his campaign, pointing to his record securing the border in uniform and holding smugglers accountable in court as the experience Congress desperately needs.

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