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MEMO

To: Interested Parties
From: Honorable Martin Frost
Re: 28th Congressional District of Texas

As a former Chair of the DCCC (January 1995 – December 1998) and as someone who has been active in Texas politics for over 30 years, I am often asked about upcoming races and political developments in Texas. Most recently, I have received a number of questions about the anticipated Democratic Primary battle in the 28th Congressional District.

Henry Cuellar = Phil Gramm:

It has now become widely known that Congressman Henry Cuellar has a long record of betraying his party. Those who are not familiar with his history sometimes find it hard to believe the level to which he has allied with Republicans against Democrats. I served in Congress a long time and the only politician to which I can compare Henry Cuellar is Phil Gramm.

Astonishing Record of Betrayal:

- As a Member of the Texas Legislature, Cuellar joined with Republicans and introduced voucher legislation that would have devastated Texas public schools.
- In 2000, while serving as a Democrat in the Texas Legislature, Cuellar formally endorsed George Bush over Al Gore and traveled throughout the country campaigning on Bush's behalf.
- In 2001, Cuellar accepted an appointment by Republican Governor Rick Perry to serve as Secretary of State and then worked hand-in-hand with Texas Republicans against Democrats and civil rights leaders on state and congressional redistricting.
- In 2003, while virtually every other Democrat in the State of Texas was fighting furiously to stop Tom DeLay's outrageous and unprecedented mid-decade partisan redistricting effort, Cuellar quietly worked with GOP map drawers.

Now in Congress, Cuellar is Already Working With GOP Leadership:

Since entering Congress just a few months ago, Cuellar has devoted much of his attention to promoting policy positions favored by Tom DeLay and the GOP leadership in opposition to the leadership of his own party and against the interests of his South Texas and Border constituents.

- Cuellar voted with Republicans on the Real ID bill.
- Cuellar voted with Republicans to drastically limit the ability of individuals to gain compensation for injury through class action law suits.
- Cuellar is working directly with the White House and GOP leadership to pass CAFTA.

Bottom Line:

Henry Cuellar entered Congress with a long history of working closely with Republicans to promote GOP priorities and undermine Democratic efforts. During his early months in Congress, he has confirmed the worst fears of those of us who suspected that his work with and for the Republican leadership would continue. **Ciro Rodriguez** is an honorable man of high integrity and our best choice for the 28th Congressional District.

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