

**Washington, D.C.** - As part of its commitment to expanding Latino representation in Congress while defending the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives, today CHC BOLD PAC is endorsing two candidates in key districts – Patrick Branco for the Democratic primary in HI-02 and Dan Sanchez for the special election in TX-34.

"We are thrilled to endorse and wholeheartedly support these talented candidates that will help us strengthen and expand our majority and deliver for working Americans of all backgrounds," **said CHC BOLD PAC Chairman Ruben Gallego.**

"One of those candidates is Patrick Pihana Branco, who will be the first-ever Latino elected to Congress from Hawai'i. Whether as a Diplomat in the US Foreign Service or as a State Representative, Patrick has dedicated his life to serving Hawai'i and our country. In Congress, Patrick will help bring down Hawai'i's ever-rising cost of living by bringing good paying jobs to the state, and secure the federal support needed to strengthen Hawai'i's rural areas and agricultural sector," **Gallego added.**

"Dan is a native Texan who is no stranger to hard work – he grew up working the fields and has dedicated his career to serving his community as a prosecutor, public defender, judge, and a county commissioner. Now he's ready to serve in Congress to be the leader that TX-34 needs in this moment – one who will fight for lower costs, affordable healthcare, safe communities, and a secure retirement," **said Gallego.**

**Patrick Pihana Branco (HI-02)**

Patrick Pihana Branco has dedicated his life to serving Hawai'i and our country. As a Diplomat in the US Foreign Service, Branco promoted the values he grew up within Hawai'i: Aloha, Mālama, and Kuleana. In the State Legislature, Patrick has worked to address Hawai'i's ever-rising cost of living, the climate crisis, and keeping our communities safe. Now, Branco is running to represent Hawai'i's 2nd Congressional District in Congress. He will work to highlight a handful of policy priorities, including those that would create more jobs in renewable energy and cybersecurity, veterans, and Native Hawaiian issues. If elected, Branco would be the third Native Hawaiian since statehood to serve in Congress.

**Dan Sanchez (TX-34 special)**

Daniel Antonio Sanchez was born in Harlingen, Texas, and grew up in Los Indios, Texas — a small farming community— where he spent his youth working in the fields. He attended The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, where he received his Doctorate in Jurisprudence in 1998. He has been an assistant district attorney in Cameron County, justice of the peace, and served as a judge until 2010. He was elected as County Commissioner for Cameron County in 2011 and served through 2016. He has dedicated his life and education to serving others. Sanchez believes that the people of South Texas need a strong leader who will advocate for them in Washington, D.C., while not missing a beat. He has demonstrated his strong leadership and is ready to continue to serve Texas' 34th congressional district.

**CHC BOLD PAC**

BOLD PAC is dedicated to increasing diversity in the House and Senate by getting more Latinos and Latinas elected. In 2020, BOLD PAC helped elect two new Latino Members to the House -- Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez, the first Latina to represent New Mexico's 3rd district, and Congressman Ritchie Torres, the first openly LGBTQ+ Afro-Latino. BOLD PAC also helped send two new Latinos to the Senate -- Senators Ben Ray Lujan and Alex Padilla. Additionally, BOLD PAC played an integral role in protecting the Democratic majority by endorsing 117 candidates across the country and contributing \$1 million directly to their campaigns. These efforts helped elect and re-elect 45 Members of Congress.