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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

FOR RELEASE: 31 January 1974  
FROM: E (Kika) de la Garza, M C

WASHINGTON, D C--Rep. Kika de la Garza officially became a candidate for reelection to Congress from the 15th Congressional District by filing notice with State Democratic Chairman Calvin Guest of his candidacy in the Democratic primary.

De la Garza, now in his fifth term in the House of Representatives, has attained seniority that makes him the third ranking Democrat in the 36-member House Agriculture Committee, on which he has served since he entered Congress in 1965. He is chairman of the Agriculture Department Operations Subcommittee, which oversees world wide operations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The South Texan is also a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee which is of special importance to his district.

Each year since his election to Congress he has been chosen by the Speaker of the House to serve on the U.S. - Mexico Parliamentary Conference. In this capacity he and other members have met annually with their counterparts in the Mexican government to deal with substantive matters concerning the two neighboring countries. He has also been named to a similar conference with Korea and has attended the World Parliamentary Union.

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Born in Mercedes, de la Garza attended Mission High School, Edinburg Junior College--(now Pan American University) and St Mary's University in San Antonio. He holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from St Mary's Law School.

He enlisted in the Navy during World War II at the age of 17 and reentered military service as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict in the early 1950's. He was a senior member of the Texas Legislature, having served 12 years prior to being elected to Congress.

He is married to the former Lucille Alamia of Edinburg. Mr and Mrs de la Garza have three children, Jorge, Mike and Angela. They make there home in Mission when Congress is not in session.

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