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

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9 August 1974

FROM: Kika de la Garza

Washington, D C -- When President Nixon announced his resignation, Rep Kika de la Garza said:

"My hope, and I am sure it is shared by most Americans, is that President Nixon's resignation marks the end of a traumatic moment in our nation's history.

"Regardless of anything else we must now unite behind President Gerald Ford who assumes the office of the presidency under sad and very difficult circumstances.

"Distressing as recent events have been to all of us, we have come through them with our system of constitutional government still strong and enduring. The soundness of its principles has been subjected to an acid test and has not been found wanting for Gerald Ford will assume the highest office in the land as provided in our Constitution.

"We, as individuals in government, come and go. The political and social system under which our nation has lived and progressed for almost two hundred years remains. Let us continue using this sytem to solve the problems we face at home and abroad.

"I ask that we pray for President Richard M Nixon and his family in this most difficult time and also for us, who must continue to 'preserve, protect, and defend the constitution'."

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