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REP. DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES VISIT BY HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER GEPHARDT AND OTHERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BORDER ISSUES

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WASHINGTON -- Rep. E (Kika) de la Garza, D-Tex., Friday announced that a group of leading lawmakers, including House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., will be in South Texas Monday, January 15, to learn more about U.S.-Mexico border issues as part of three-day trip which includes meetings with top Mexican officials in Mexico City.

"During this day-long tour Monday, I want to show my colleagues both our economic and educational successes as well as some of the pressing problems we face here in the Rio Grande Valley. I am particularly pleased that House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt has expressed such a great interest in learning more about our region and the border-related issues we face on a daily basis," Rep. de la Garza said.

Members of Congress scheduled to accompany Reps. de la Garza and Gephardt to South Texas and Mexico City, include: Reps. Albert G. Bustamante, D-Tex.; Ronald D. Coleman, D-Tex. (Mexico City portion only); Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn.; Solomon P. Ortiz, D-Tex.; Peter Hoagland, D-Neb.; Larry Smith, D-Fla.; and Billy Tauzin, D-La.

While in the McAllen area, the delegation will receive briefings by officials at federal border facilities, tour area colonias, a maquiladora, and an area school.

Following their Rio Grande Valley tour, Reps. de la Garza and Gephardt will lead the congressional delegation to Mexico City January 16-17 to meet with top government and business officials, including Mexican President Salinas, to discuss U.S.-Mexico issues. For security reasons, the detailed schedule of meetings in Mexico City cannot be released. A press conference has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. January 17, at Benito Juarez International Airport prior to the delegation's departure from Mexico City.

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