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WASHINGTON -- Today Rep Kika de la Garza announced that the House yesterday passed H R 5769, the Interior Appropriations bill for the Fiscal Year ending 30 September 1991. This package contains \$9,000,000 for the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Rep de la Garza said "that by providing for the continued purchase of additional land this funding will help ensure the survival and the future of the refuge."

It has been a little more than a decade since this effort began and the past ten years have seen significant strides made in acquiring land. The original plan recommended the purchase of 107,500 acres of land. As of mid September approximately 47,700 acres had been acquired.

"It is important to realize," said the south Texas Congressman, "that the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge provides an opportunity to preserve a unique piece of our environmental heritage. Every year we receive funding we come one step cloer to completing this deserving project as well as preserving our history."

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