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**REP. DE LA GARZA TO HOLD PUBLIC FORUM  
ON VALLEY WHITEFLY AND AFRICANIZED BEE PROBLEMS**

For immediate release, Friday, April 3, 1992

WASHINGTON -- Agricultural damage and other problems being caused by the spread of the sweetpotato whitefly and the Africanized bees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are the subject of a public forum being held by Congressman E (Kika) de la Garza on April 13 in Weslaco, Texas.

The forum will be held Monday, April 13 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Hoblitzelle Auditorium at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 24115 East Highway 83 (intersection of Business 83 and FM 1015) in Weslaco.

"The sweetpotato whitefly and the Africanized bee have become the Valley's two biggest pest problems. Farmers and residents in the Valley need to know what is being done to control these pests," Rep. de la Garza said.

"The public forum I have scheduled will bring together the scientific experts, government officials and the public to discuss what has been accomplished and what more needs to be done. This forum can help us convince people back in Washington of the need for a continued commitment in Federal resources to combat these pests," Rep. de la Garza said.

For further information on the public forum, contact Joe Dugan with Rep. de la Garza's staff at 202-225-2171.

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