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WASHINGTON -- On Saturday, 14 November the dedication of the USS LEXINGTON as a Naval Museum will take place on Corpus Christi Bay, Corpus Christi. 15th District Congressman Kika de la Garza said "the dedication will mark the culmination of the efforts of many individuals to bring an important piece of America's naval history to south Texas.

Representative de la Garza went on to add "it is indeed fitting that the Lady Lex will be permanently berthed here since the people of south Texas and the Navy have had a very special relationship for many, many years. The ship was stationed at Naval Station Ingleside while its permanent mooring sight was being readied. Now she is sitting within view of our Homeport. Ever since the early 1940's south Texas has been a center for aviation training, and in fact, last year the Kingsville Naval Air Station celebrated its 50th anniversary."

"As the USS LEXINGTON begins her new life as a floating museum she will not only be a reminder to future generations of the major role our nation played during World War II as we sought to safeguard Democracy, promote freedom, and make the world a safer and more secure place in which to live, but she will also serve as a living tribute to the brave men and women of naval aviation," the Congressman said. "We welcome her to her new home."

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