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## **DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES TEXAS RECEIVES \$7 MILLION GOALS 2000 EDUCATION REFORM GRANT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Kika de la Garza of Texas announced today that Texas will receive \$7,112,610 in federal funds to implement its comprehensive, statewide school improvement plan. The grant from the U.S. Department of Education was awarded under the new **Goals 2000: Educate America Act**, the landmark educational reform measure signed into law by President Clinton on March 31 of this year.

"Texas has led the nation in educational reform for more than a decade with its "First Things First" initiative," said de la Garza. "These monies will help us further meet our already world-class academic content and student performance standards."

At least 60 percent of this award to the Texas Department of Education will be distributed directly to local elementary and secondary education reform efforts based on the results of a competition administered by the Austin-based Department. Many local school districts have pending education improvement plans created by and for their children through the involvement of both educators and parents. The Goals 2000 monies will assist in implementing these plans.

Texas presently has one of the leading education technology systems in the nation. These funds will help fully realize the benefits of this modern system by creating a professional development center to train teachers how to more productively use advanced technology in their curricula.