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Congressman Kika de la Garza passes away

American agriculture lost a true champion with the passing of Congressman Kika de la Garza. The former Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture was a leader not only for South Texas but for U.S. agriculture producers. His impact on agriculture in the Rio Grande Valley was evident through his strong support for sugar, cotton, and fruit and vegetable producers. Because of his leadership, the U.S. Department of Agriculture created the Kika de la Garza fellowship and designated its Subtropical Agricultural Research Center the Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center. The commitment to agriculture and his constituents will not be forgotten.