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DE LA GARZA COMMENDS ESPY NOMINATION

For immediate release, Thursday, December 24, 1992

MCALLEN, TX -- House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, Thursday released the following statement on President-elect Bill Clinton's choice of Rep. Mike Espy, D-Miss., to be the next Secretary of Agriculture:

I applaud the President-elect's choice of Mike Espy as the next Secretary of Agriculture.

Mike Espy will bring a diversity of government experience to the helm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He has distinguished himself as an administrator in state government and, for the past six years, as a very capable and effective representative for the people of Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District.

On the House Agriculture Committee, Mike has been a tenacious advocate for the farmers and rural residents of the Mississippi Delta. He has quickly established himself as a key player on rural economic development issues, measures to help minority farmers, and efforts to promote alternative agricultural enterprises such as catfish farming.

Mike Espy is a friend and advocate for American farmers and ranchers. He will bring a new perspective to the administration of USDA's wide-ranging responsibilities that I believe will serve the Clinton Administration quite well.

I look forward to working with Secretary-designate Espy and in helping develop the Clinton Administration's policies on rural development, consumer protection and the entire vast scope of USDA's responsibilities.