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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WV), HAS URGED THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A MINE RECLAMATION PROGRAM AT SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

IN A LETTER TO ERNEST L BOYER, COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "IN ESTABLISHING A NEED FOR THIS PROGRAM, SOUTHERN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL AGENCIES. I JOIN THESE GROUPS IN AGREEING THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR TRAINED RECLAMATION PERSONNEL AND THAT WEST VIRGINIA WOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH A PROGRAM."

RAHALL, WHO SERVED ON THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE THAT WROTE THE NEW SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 1977, OBSERVED THAT, "SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S GREATEST COAL RESERVES. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SUCH A PROGRAM OF TRAINING INDIVIDUALS TO WORK TOWARD THE GOAL OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION, WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT OUR COUNTRY, BUT PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC BOOST THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA."

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