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PIPESTEM STATE PARK, WV --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, IN A SPEECH TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE REGION ONE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SAID, "IN OUR WORK WE DO NOT SEEK BLUEPRINTS FOR THE FUTURE, BUT INSIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING AND THE WISE USE OF OUR RESOURCES."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WAS JOINED AT THE DINNER BY FORMER GOV. BOB SCOTT, WHO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION.

OF GOV. SCOTT, RAHALL SAID, "I WAS SADDENED BY HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT WE CAN BE VERY THANKFUL TO BOB SCOTT, BECAUSE THE SUCCESSES OF THE A.R.C. HAVE BEEN PLENTIFUL AND WE OWE HIM A GREAT DEBT."

RAHALL STATED, "YOU COULD MEASURE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE REGION ONE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF A.R.C., IN SIMPLY DOLLARS AND CENTS. BUT THE REAL CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE MEASURED IN THE NEW HOPE THAT WEST VIRGINIA AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION NOW HAS AS A RESULT OF THE WORK OF THESE TWO FINE ORGANIZATIONS."

"THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS CAN BE MEASURED IN SCHOOLS, WHERE THERE HAD BEEN NO SCHOOLS; IN ROADS WHERE THERE HAD BEEN NO ROADS BEFORE; IN HEALTH CARE FOR THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED AND THE SICK; AND IN WATER SYSTEMS WHERE NO ONE HAD EVER EXPECTED TO SEE THEM," THE CONGRESSMAN WENT ON TO SAY.

RAHALL ALSO TOUCHED UPON THE IMPACT COAL WILL HAVE IN THE FUTURE OF THE REGION, "AS COAL ONCE AGAIN BECOMES A MAJOR COG IN OUR ENERGY FUTURE; OUR ECONOMY, FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH WILL BE INFLUENCED. WE MUST BE READY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGES THAT WILL COME WITH THIS GROWTH."

"WITH THE WORK OF REGION ONE, AND THE ARC, OUR EXPANSION AND PROSPERITY WILL ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR LIVES AND SERVE TO SOLIDIFY OUR FUTURE," RAHAL CONCLUDED.