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HEAD START: A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM THAT WORKS, SAYS RAHALL

CEDAR LAKES, WV --- "PROJECT HEAD START IS ABOVE AND BEYOND MANY GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKINGS, AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE A RESULT OF THE DEDICATED AND TIRELESS EFFORTS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND ALL OVER AMERICA," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, IN A SPEECH TO THE WEST VIRGINIA HEAD START ASSOCIATION TRAINING CONFERENCE.

"THE KEY TO HEAD START'S SUCCESS HAS BEEN THE COMMITMENT OF PEOPLE WHO SERVE CHILDREN AND PARENTS ALL OVER THE STATE." RAHALL OBSERVED. "THE PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED ON A COMMITMENT BY PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON IN 1965, AND WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE OF THE COMMITMENT TO THE GOOD IT ACCOMPLISHES," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID.

IN HIS REMARKS, RAHALL REMINDED THE GATHERING OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S FEBRUARY 18 PROMISE NOT TO CUT FUNDING FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM, "BUT NOW, IN ORDER TO FURTHER REDUCE GOVERNMENT SPENDING, PRESIDENT REAGAN WANTS TO RETREAT FROM HIS COMMITMENT, AND CUT HEAD START BACK \$114 MILLION," RAHALL STATED.

"THIS PROPOSED REDUCTION WILL MEAN THAT OVER 45,000 LESS-FORTUNATE CHILDREN WILL BE DEPRIVED THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEAD START VOLUNTEERS," RAHALL POINTED OUT.

"MY COMMITMENT TO HEAD START IS AS STRONG AS EVER," RAHALL STRESSED TO THE CROWD, "AND IF WE COMBINE OUR COMMITMENT, TAKE THE OFFENSIVE, AND MOVE FORWARD WITH GREAT VIGOR, THOSE WHO NEED HELP WILL HAVE THE HELP THEY DESERVE."

RAHALL CONCLUDED BY QUOTING PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, "THE TEST OF US AS A PEOPLE...IS WHETHER WE PROVIDE ENOUGH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE."