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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT
CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, ADDRESSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH 31, TO CONGRATULATE THE NORTHFORK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR RECORD-SETTING VICTORY IN THE AA STATE TOURNAMENT.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S REMARKS ARE ATTACHED.



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NORTHFORK BLUE DEMONS

HON. NICK JOE RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 31, 1981

● Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend in Charleston, W. Va., a new record was set for consecutive State high school basketball championships nationwide. The Northfork High School "Blue Demons", in defeating Wheeling Central in the class AA final, won their eighth straight title.

Northfork's season record was 22 wins, 3 losses.

The game last Saturday was even more special for the team, because they wanted to win badly for their coach, Jennings Boyd, and assistant coach, Henry Winkfield.

Popular Coach Winkfield is recovering from a serious injury, and I am sure he was delighted when the Blue Demons went out to "win one for Wink."

Also, Saturday's game marked the end of a tremendous career for Head Coach Jennings Boyd, who announced earlier in the year that this would be his last season.

Jennings Boyd has been the head basketball coach at Northfork for 15 years. His record over that period is 306 wins, 62 losses. Such a record is accomplished only through dedication, discipline, and hard work. He does not subscribe to cursing or yelling as motivational tools. He is a man who demands respect and deserves it.

The Northfork Blue Demons are the pride of southern West Virginia basketball. They are a wonderful group of young men, who represent their community well.

I commend them and congratulate them on their record setting win, and am sure they will go out next year to make it nine in a row.●