

TAPE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 23

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THIS FINAL WEEK IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, MARKS THE BEGINING OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. IT HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING TRADITION IN AMERICA TO OBSERVE THIS SPECIAL TIME, BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR, BY GETTING TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

FOR THIS REASON, THE WEEK OF NOV. 23, HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK.

THE UNITED STATES PRIDES ITSELF ON BEING A "NATION OF FAMILIES". AS I RECENTLY TOLD A GATHERING OF PROJECT HEAD START VOLUNTEERS, IN THE EYES OF CHILDREN, THE FAMILY IS THE FIRST SCHOOL, THE FIRST CHURCH AND THE FIRST GOVERNMENT.

DURING THIS TIME OF THANKSGIVING, WE SHOULD ALL TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO REFLECT ON WHAT OUR OWN FAMILIES MEAN TO US, AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THOSE WE LOVE.

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