

TAPE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 9

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

VETERANS DAY THIS YEAR, MARKS THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF THE OBSERVANCE TO NOVEMBER 11, AND ON THIS DAY, THE NATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE OVER 1 MILLION AMERICANS WHO HAVE DIED IN DEFENSE OF THIS GREAT NATION SINCE 1776.

AS A SHOW OF THANKS TO THESE BRAVE INDIVIDUALS, THE CONGRESS HAS APPROVED MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION CONTAINING BENEFITS, MEDICALS SERVICES AND RIGHTS FOR VETERANS, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST THROUGH THEIR MILITARY SERVICE.

AMERICANS HAVE GONE INTO BATTLE TO PROTECT WHAT IS VERY DEAR TO US ALL: FREEDOM. AS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SAID, "WE, BORN TO FREEDOM, AND BELIEVING IN FREEDOM, ARE WILLING TO FIGHT TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM."

ON NOVEMBER 11, WE SHOULD ALL REFLECT AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND DIED, TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM.

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