

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE DECADE OF THE 80'S IS AT AN END. OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EVEN OUR <sup>Frontier</sup> ~~DISAPPOINTMENTS~~ OF THE PAST YEAR WILL SET THE TONE FOR 1981.

1980 HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. OUR MOST ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCE, COAL, IS MOVING TO THE FOREFRONT OF AMERICA'S ENERGY PICTURE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE YEAR TO COME.

1980 BROUGHT THE APPROVAL OF MUCH NEEDED FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE TUG FORK VALLEY, SOAK CREEK AREA OF RALEIGH COUNTY, AND THE UPPER MUD FORK REGION. PROGRAMS WERE ALSO ADVANCED TO ASSIST SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS.

*in the months ahead we face* OUR NATION'S ECONOMY SUFFERED MANY UPS AND DOWNS, ~~BUT THE~~ *possibility I will continue* ~~GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID FOR GREATER CONTROL AND EFFICIENCY IN~~ *in our united* ~~GOVERNMENT SPENDING. THIS EFFORT, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, SERVE~~ *Herby* ~~AS A POSITIVE TOOL TO COMBAT INFLATION.~~

OVERALL, AMERICA AND THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MOVED FORWARD IN 1980. THE YEAR TO COME WILL BRING MANY NEW CHALLENGES, BUT OUR COMMITMENT IS STRONG, AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRESS IN 1981.

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