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RAHALL SAYS: NATIONAL SECURITY BEGINS AT HOME

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.----"I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL REALIZE THAT STRENGTH AND NATIONAL SECURITY CANNOT BE MEASURED IN MONEY ALONE....FOR THE WAY TO MEET THREATS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, IS TO MAKE OUR OWN SYSTEM WORK HERE AT HOME," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, IN A SPEECH TO THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE OF THE STATE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

RAHALL STRESSED, "THE STRONGEST DEFENSE GROWS OUT OF A STRONG HOMEFRONT."

THROUGHOUT HIS REMARKS, WHICH PAID TRIBUTE TO THE V.F.W. AND ITS MEMBERS--"NO ONE DESERVES THE GRATITUDE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MORE THAN THE VETERANS WHO SERVED THIS LAND IN ITS TIME OF GREATEST NEED"--CONGRESSMAN RAHALL MADE MENTION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

RAHALL TOLD THE GATHERING, "WHEN F.D.R. DIED IN 1945, THE ALLIES WERE ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY OVER HITLER, AND THE UNITED STATES WAS THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN HISTORY."

"AT THE ROOT OF THAT VICTORY," THE BECKLEY DEMOCRAT WENT ON TO SAY, "WAS SOMETHING DEEPER THAN MILITARY STRENGTH. THE COUNTRY TRANSFORMED ITSELF, UNDER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LEADERSHIP, INTO A WORKING AND WORKABLE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, WITH THE MEANS AND THE WILL TO PROVIDE ITS CITIZENS WITH A DECENT LIFE."

RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AS AMERICA BECAME STRONGER IN THE ADVENT OF WORLD WAR TWO, AND AS EUROPE FELL TO THE AXIS TERROR, THE ONLY REASSURING FREE, AND CONFIDENT AND WORKING DEMOCRACY WAS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

"WHILE WE ALL WANT PEACE," RAHALL SAID, "WE MUST REALIZE THAT WE CANNOT LIVE ALONE; OUR WELL-BEING IS DEPENDENT ON THE WELL-BEING OF OTHER NATIONS, FAR AWAY. FOR THIS REASON, WE MUST BE READY!"