

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 12

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

ONE OF OUR MOST DIFFICULT TIMES IN THE LIFE OF ANY FAMILY OCCURS WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER DIES. UNTIL RECENTLY, FAMILIES OF VETERANS COULD BE ASSURED THAT BURIAL EXPENSES WOULD BE COVERED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

HOWEVER, WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE 1981 BUDGET, PAYMENT FOR BURIAL BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF THOSE VETERANS WHO WERE RECEIVING COMPENSATION HAS BEEN SEVERELY RESTRICTED.

BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION, I HAVE JOINED IN SPONSORING HR 6593, A MEASURE THAT WOULD RESTORE VETERAN'S BURIAL BENEFITS THAT WERE TERMINATED LAST YEAR.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE BENEFITS BE REINSTATED TO ALL VETERANS OF OUR NATION'S WARS--BOTH THOSE DISABLED AND THOSE NOT.

THERE IS A BASIC AND SOUND PRINCIPAL THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS FOUNDED ON, AND THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THIS LAND, MANY HAVE FOUGHT TO DEFEND AND MAINTAIN THOSE PRINCIPALS. TO THEM, WE OWE THANKS AND ASSISTANCE--NOT CUT BACKS ON BENEFITS THEY DESERVE.

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