

TAPE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 19

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

MAY, 1982, WILL BE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. IT WILL BE A TIME WHEN WE HONOR SENIOR CITIZENS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR THEIR YEARS OF GOOD WORK AMONG US, FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN UPLIFTING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, AND FOR THEIR CONCERNS THAT ALL GENERATIONS BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY.

WITH THIS IN MIND, I WANT TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE MORE THAN 8,000 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS NATIONWIDE, WHICH ARE PRIME EXAMPLES OF THE FEDERAL POLICY--COMBINING STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES--TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR ALL OLDER AMERICANS. THEY ARE PLACES WHERE SENIOR CITIZENS CAN GO FOR HELP AND WHERE THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER.

SENIOR CENTERS ARE LOCATED IN ALL SORTS OF PLACES...CHURCH HALLS, SCHOOL GYMS, FIRE STATIONS, AND STORE FRONTS. HOWEVER, THEY SHARE ONE COMMON GOAL...TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL OLDER AMERICANS, AND I WANT TO COMMEND EVERYONE IN WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CENTERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

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