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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CON-GRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL (L), JOINS FORMER BASEBALL STAR MICKEY MANTLE AND MARCH OF DIMES NATIONAL POSTER CHILD, HELEN HUMPHREY, AT THE KICK-OFF OF THE 1984 MARCH OF DIMES NATIONAL FUND-RAISING EVENT, "WALKAMERICA".

"WALKAMERICA" IS THE NATIONAL WALK-A-THON FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES, BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITIES IN THE EFFORT TO FIGHT BIRTH DEFECTS. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE APRIL 28-29 WEEKEND IN SOME 1,100 LOCATIONS. LAST YEAR'S "WALKAMERICA" IN-VOLVED 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE AND RAISED NEARLY \$23 MILLION TO SUPPORT MARCH OF DIMES PROGRAMS

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT, "A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MEDICIAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY MARCH OF DIMES FUNDS IN WEST VIRGINIA, THAT INCLUDE EQUIPMENT FOR CABELL-HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL, THE CHARLESTON AREA MEDICAL CENTER, AND THE W.V.U. MEDICAL CENTER."

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