

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 25

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THERE ARE 1.7 MILLION REGISTERED NURSES IN THE UNITED STATES, NEARLY 1.3 MILLION OF THEM ACTIVELY EMPLOYED IN THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSION.

THEY WORK IN HOSPITALS, IN NURSING HOMES, IN HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, IN SCHOOLS, IN INDUSTRY, IN CLINICS, IN PHYSICIANS' OFFICES, IN STUDENT CARE CENTERS, AND IN FACT -- WHEREVER HEALTH CARE IS DELIVERED.

NURSES ARE THE KEY INGREDIENT IN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, ALWAYS ON THE SCENE WHEN HEALTH CARE IS PROVIDED.

I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO RECOGNIZE THOSE ~~XXXXXX~~ INDIVIDUALS AROUND US WHO PROVIDE NEEDED AND HELPFUL SERVICES FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS. FOR THIS REASON, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT WE ~~XXXXXX~~ SALUTE OUR NATION'S REGISTERED NURSES, WHO DO SO MUCH TO KEEP AMERICANS HEALTHY AND CARE FOR THEM IN TIMES OF SICKNESS.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.