

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN WEST VIRGINIA, MORE THAN 150,000 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS LAST YEAR, AND I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN A SUCCESS.

THE JOB PLACEMENT RATE FOR GRADUATES OF SECONDARY PROGRAMS WAS OVER 76 PERCENT.

WITH RESPECT TO ADULT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 28 LOCAL AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE CONDUCTED PREPARATORY CLASSES THAT SERVED NEARLY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS.

THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT LEGISLATION RECENTLY PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL FURTHER THE FINE TRADITION OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN WEST VIRGINIA. AS A SPONSOR AND SUPPORTER OF THIS MEASURE, I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE MUST TRAIN PEOPLE TO CARRY OUT TASKS THAT TODAY'S DIVERSE ECONOMY REQUIRES.

WEST VIRGINIA IS A LEADER IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, AND I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING TO KEEP US ON TOP.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.