

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 1

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE THE 209TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR NATION. THIS IS A MOST JOYOUS OCCASION BECAUSE NO NATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAS MAINTAINED THE FREE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT LONGER THAN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WE ARE FREE TO CHOOSE OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, TO ELECT OUR LEADERS, TO SPEAK OUR MINDS, TO OBSERVE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, AND TO ALLOW OUR CHILDREN TO FULFILL THEIR DREAMS. THIS IS UNIQUELY AMERICAN.

WE SHOULD ALSO TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON ALL OF THE SACRIFICES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE SO THAT WE COULD ENJOY 209 YEARS OF FREEDOM. OUR FOREFATHERS HAVING THE VISION TO FORM A NATION OFFERING AS MUCH AS OURS IS SOMETHING IN WHICH WE CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE AND STRIVE TO PRESERVE.

ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, WE ALL HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO BE PROUD OF AND A GREAT DEAL TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN -- OUR FREEDOM.

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