

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

ALTHOUGH MUCH OF THE ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON THESE DAYS IS FOCUSED ON BUDGET AND TAXES, THERE IS ANOTHER PIECE OF LEGISLATION WHICH I RECENTLY COSPONSORED WHICH NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

NEARLY 2,500 U.S. SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIANS ARE STILL LISTED AS "MISSING IN ACTION" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SOME OF THESE BRAVE SOLDIERS ARE WEST VIRGINIANS. THE LEGISLATION I AM PUSHING WOULD DIRECT THE PRESIDENT TO SECURE AN IMMEDIATE AND FULL ACCOUNTING OF AMERICANS HELD PRISONER AND STILL MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PLACE A GREATER PRIORITY ON WORKING FOR THEIR RELEASE, AS WELL AS THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM.

MORE THAN TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE END OF THE VIETNAM WAR, YET SOME FAMILIES STILL DO NOT KNOW THE FATE OF THEIR SONS WHO INTERRUPTED THEIR LIVES TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY. I DO NOT FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE AND THAT IS WHY I AM JOINING WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS TO LET THOSE FAMILIES KNOW THAT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM.

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