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RAHALL DONATES CONSTITUTIONAL STUDY GUIDE TO MARSHALL

Huntington, W. Va. -- In honor of the forthcoming bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution in 1987, U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has arranged for the donation of an important constitutional study guide, produced by the National Archives and Records Administration, to Marshall University.

The <u>Index to the Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789</u>, is an impressive five-volume, 6,615 page guide to some of the most important documents in our nation's history, which are located at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The five volumes provide an alphabetical list of all the persons, places, and subjects discussed in the 50,000 documents created by the Continental Congress during the vital years from the Declaration of Independence to the creation of the U.S. Constitution.

The guide has been widely heralded for its value to students and scholars interested in the early history of the Congress and the Nation. "I hope that this guide will be a useful resource for the coming celebrations of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution," noted Rep. Rahall in presenting this series to Marshall University.

The Index has been published by the National Archives and Record Administration. The National Archives is the home of the original Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, as well as more than three billion other documents related to the foundation and history of our nation.

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Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Rahall:

The National Archives and Records Administration is pleased to present to you a complimentary copy of the <u>Index to the</u> <u>Papers of the Continental Congress</u>, 1774-1789.

It is my sincere hope that this guide will be a useful addition to your office library or a valuable addition to an appropriate university or library in your district. The Index has been widely heralded for its value to students and scholars interested in the early history of our nation.

As you know, the bicentennials of the U.S. Constitution, the First Federal Congress, the First Presidency, and the first session of the U.S. Supreme Court will be celebrated over the next several years. We believe that the <u>Index to the</u> <u>Papers of the Continental Congress</u> will be an important resource in helping citizens and scholars locate information in the complex collection of records of the Continental Congress. Microfilm of the records is located in most major libraries.

As the home of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and billions of documents related to the history of our nation, the National Archives stands ready to assist you and your constituents in celebrating the forthcoming bicentennial anniversaries. Do not hesitate to call or write if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

FRANK G. BURKE Acting Archivist of the United States

DRAFT: PRESS SECRETARY

The National Archives and Records Administration recently donated a copy of the <u>Index to the Papers of the Continental Congress</u> to your office.

Enclosed for your information is a sample press release/fact sheet for your use if you plan to donate the Index to a university or library in your district.

If you should issue a press release we would appreciate receiving a copy and also any clips from your district about the donation. Thank you. Congressional Relations Staff 523-3007 DRAFT: PRESS RELEASE

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Dear Mr. Rahall:

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As part of its mission to preserve and make these records available, the National Archives compiled and published the impressive five volume Index to the Papers of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789. This guide has been widely heralded for its value to students and scholars interested in the early history of the U.S. Congress.

A limited number of copies remain and the Archives would like to put these books to good use. As congressman from a district with a strong interest in the early history of this country and its government, the National Archives would like to present you with a set of Indexes for use in your office or for donating to a library or educational institution in your district or region.

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To arrange for this gift from the Archivist of the United States to be delivered to your office, please call me at 523-3007. ondered 1/5/86

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