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RAHALL TO HOLD CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM AT BLUEFIELD STATE

Washington, D.C. -- As part of the ongoing observance of the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution, U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) will be sponsoring a "Jefferson Meeting" at Bluefield State College on October 2, 1987.

"This meeting is designed to bring together members of the community to exchange ideas about our Constitution and how it has shaped our government," said Rahall, who served as West Virginia's representative to the historic 200th anniversary session of the U.S. Congress in Philadelphia this past summer. "Certainly it represents a unique part of the overall observance of this historic occasion. But, more importantly, it has become clear to me that there are many of us who do not fully understand the rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is my hope that citizens from all areas of the community will participate and learn something new about their government and its foundation -- the Constitution."

The Jefferson meeting at Bluefield State College will begin with registration at 12:45 pm on Saturday, October 2, in Hebert Gallery of the Student Union Building at Bluefield State. A similar meeting at Marshall University in Huntington is tentatively scheduled for early November.

Rahall has been active in organizing community events to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Constitution throughout the state, and has urged the entire community to join him in this observance. "The Constitution throughout its 200 year history has clearly displayed adaptability and a resilience that has become the envy of the entire world," Rahall observed. "It is no wonder that our system of government is the most copied in the world."

The program at Bluefield State College is being cosponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Foundation, with whom Rahall has coordinated many bicentennial activities in his district. More information can be obtained from the Bluefield State Student Activities Office, the Craft Memorial Library in Bluefield, as well as Rahall's district offices in Beckley and Bluefield.

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