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RAHALL TO REPRESENT WEST VIRGINIA
AT HISTORICAL CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has been selected by his colleagues to represent the state of West Virginia at the historic 200th anniversary session of Congress in Philadelphia, July 16.

"I am honored to be part of history, and extremely proud to be able to represent the people of West Virginia at this Bicentennial celebration," Rahall said. "This extraordinary session of Congress will take place at Independence Hall, the site of the first session of Congress 200 years ago."

Each state delegation has selected one member to represent the state at the Philadelphia session, and the West Virginia delegation selected Rahall, the dean of the House delegation, as its delegate. "The confidence in me expressed by my colleagues through this appointment is very gratifying," Rahall stated. "We work very well together as a team, and I will be their voice, as well as the voice of the people of our great state, in Philadelphia."

Serving in his capacity as Majority Leader of the United States Senate, West Virginia's Sen. Robert C. Byrd will also be on hand in Philadelphia to preside over the session along with House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas.

"I am greatly looking forward to the events in Philadelphia," Rahall observed. "This is a very important milestone in our nation's glorious history. When you consider the tremendous foresight our Founding Fathers possessed when they created the Constitution and the Congress 200 years ago, it is truly a tribute to them that we can celebrate 200 years of Democracy and freedom."

Rahall is also involved in a number of other Constitutional Bicentennial activities along with the Bicentennial Commission he has appointed in West Virginia. Plans are underway for additional Rahall-sponsored Bicentennial programs in the fall.