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RAHALL SCHEDULES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR MERCER COUNTY

Washington, D.C. -- U.S Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has scheduled an economic development seminar to be held in Mercer County on Friday, May 8, 1987, at a location to be determined. The seminar is part of Rahall's ongoing effort to foster economic rejuvenation throughout southern West Virginia.

"Economic development has been the buzzword these days in southern West Virginia as the people have realized the tremendous strides which must be made in order to beef up the slumping economy of this region" Rahall said. "There has been a movement among the people to take matters into their own hands and give economic development efforts a much-needed shove."

"I view my seminar as a coordinating vehicle through which local business interests and public and private groups with economic development ideas can get together with the proper federal, state, and local government officials and pool their efforts toward a common goal," Rahall observed. "I am also hopeful that public and private investors will also be on hand to join these discussions."

Rahall applauded the people of Mercer County for their efforts to date and expressed his optimism about the future of the area. "Mercer County has been a shining example of people working in partnership with government for the common good," Rahall said. "The small business incubator in Princeton, the similar efforts in Bluefield, and the various development projects sprouting up all over the county are an indication to me that the people of Mercer County are serious about rebuilding themselves economically. I am honored and proud to lend my support and assistance to this effort."

Rahall held a similar program in McDowell County in February and was impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication displayed in that county. "I feel that this attitude is contagious and will continue its spread to all parts of our great state," Rahall added.