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RAHALL RECEIVES 100% NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RATING

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Education Association has awarded U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) a 100% rating on issues promoting education during the First Session of the 100th Congress.

"Your support for federal programs designed to expand and enhance educational opportunities for students demonstrates a real commitment to the future of our nation," Kenneth Melley, NEA Director of Government Relations, said. "We look forward to a continuing relationship with you in the future as we move toward the goal of full excellence and equity in public education."

Rahall has been a consistently strong and vocal supporter of educational programs throughout his six terms in the House of Representatives. This past year, Rahall appointed an Advisory Committee on Education, chaired by Marshall University President Dale Nitzschke, to work with him on promoting educational opportunities for West Virginia students.

"I firmly believe that the future security of our nation lies in the minds of our greatest natural resource -- the youth of our country," Rahall said. "We cannot afford to spare any effort in educating our future leaders and preparing them for the mantle of leadership which will be on their shoulders as we move into the twenty-first century and beyond. Education must become a national priority, as I have made it in West Virginia."

Rahall gratefully acknowledged the NEA rating and pledged that he would continue the fight for education. "I am honored that those who share my concern in promoting education recognize the votes I have cast toward this goal," he noted. "I will continue to work hand-in-hand with the educational leaders in West Virginia to develop the minds of the young men and women of our great state."