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RAHALL TO WALK SEVEN DAYS IN CONCORD'S "QUEST FOR SCHOLARS"

BECKLEY, W. VA. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) will join the Concord College "Quest for Scholars" Walk-A-Thon on seven of the scheduled nine day trip, April 16 - 24. Rahall will have to be in Washington for the House sessions on April 19 - 20.

"I've been working out and I am in top shape for this event. I just hope that there is a more than adequate supply of oxygen cannisters along the way," Rahall said. "This is a great opportunity to raise scholarship funds for the deserving students of our region who want to attend Concord College, as well as draw much-needed attention to the importance of furthering education. Unfortunately, our state has the lowest percentage of college-educated people of any state in the nation. I hope that events such as this will change that."

Rahall saluted the grassroots efforts of Dr. Jerry Beasley, president of Concord College, in garnering support for improving education in West Virginia. "Dr. Beasley has shown a very keen insight into what can attract the interest of the people, and nothing works as well as taking your case directly to the people, in this case, in the form of town meetings to discuss education," Rahall observed. "I am looking forward to attending these meetings and discussing educational concerns with the citizens of southern West Virginia."

The Walk-A-Thon will kick-off on Saturday, April 16, at Union in Monroe County and will continue the next eight days through Summers, Raleigh, Wyoming, McDowell and Mercer Counties, winding up at Concord College in Athens on Sunday, April 24. The route will cover 156.4 miles.

Rahall will be issuing challenges to others to match him in this effort, and has already pledged to \$5 per mile to whatever distance State Democratic Chair Sally Richardson cares to travel. "I am counting on Sally to keep my pledge low, but I have a feeling that she has been working out, too, and will be ready for the walk," Rahall noted. "I may have to take on a night job to cover this pledge."

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