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RAHALL SALUTES POW'S AND MIA'S

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV) in an address before the House of Representatives, asked his fellow colleagues to join with him in recognizing "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" which is Friday, September 15, 1989.

"Although tomorrow is a day to honor and remember these individuals, one day is not enough," said Rahall. "We should carry thoughts of them with us every day of the year, and continue to honor and thank them, as their contribution to this country cannot be overestimated."

Rahall called special attention to the POW's and MIA's from his home State of West Virginia. He said that there are approximately 725 POW's and 26 MIA's from the state and, "we should all be very proud of the way they have represented us and our Country throughout their military careers."

Rahall also asked that the families of these brave men be thought of also, "for although the intention of this day is to recognize POW's and MIA's, it is also to commend their families who have all displayed remarkable resolve through their own hardships. POW's, MIA's, and family members, we salute you."

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HONORABLE NICK J. RAHALL, II (D-WV)
NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. Speaker, I rise in acknowledgment of the "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" tomorrow. We must remember those who to this day continue to serve this country in many ways. Not only did they answer the call of duty, but they served above and beyond the common call of duty. They sacrificed for their families and friends so that those of us who remained in the U.S. could continue to live safely with our families. Although tomorrow is a day to honor and remember these individuals, one day is not enough. We should carry thoughts of them with us every day of the year, and continue to honor and thank them, as their contribution to this country cannot be overestimated.

I would like to pay a special tribute to the POW's and MIA's from my home state of West Virginia. There are approximately 725 POW's and 26 MIA's from the state, and we are all very proud of the way they have represented us and our Country throughout their military careers.

In conclusion, our thoughts should also go out to their families, some of whom suffered during wartime and some of whom still wait for their loved ones to return. For although the intention of this day is to recognize POW's and MIA's, it is also to commend their families who have all displayed remarkable resolve through their own hardships.

POW's, MIA's and family members, we salute you.