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RAHALL ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR HUNTINGTON MUSEUM'S "AGENT OF CHANGE"

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. REP NICK RAHALL (D-WV) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HUNTINGTON MUSEUM OF ART HAS RECEIVED \$39,515 IN FUNDS FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES TO FINANCE THEIR UPCOMING EXHIBITION, "AGENT OF CHANGE: THE RAILROAD IN WEST VIRGINIA."

BETH HAGER, THE PROJECT DIRECTOR AT THE HUNTINGTON MUSEUM, SAID THAT THE SHOW SHOULD BE READY BY THE SUMMER OF 1991. IT WOULD FEATURE MEMORABILIA FROM AROUND THE STATE DEPICTING THE EARLY DAYS OF RAIL TRAVEL AND HOW IT SHAPED THE THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AS WELL AS THE NATION.

HAGER ALSO SAID THAT THE HUNTINGTON MUSEUM WANTED TO "TAKE THE SHOW ON THE ROAD" WITH HOPES THAT IT MIGHT RETURN TO HUNTINGTON TO REMAIN ON PERMANENT DISPLAY.

"OUR RAILROADS ARE A UNIQUE PART OF OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE ROOTS OF WEST VIRGINIA," SAID RAHALL. "AND I THINK IT IS EXTREMELY TIMELY THAT THE HUNTINGTON MUSEUM WOULD CHOSE SUCH A PROJECT AT A POINT WHEN SO MUCH NATIONAL INTEREST IS BEING FOCUSED ON THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR RAILROAD INDUSTRY."

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