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February 13, 2007

The Honorable Nick Rahall II, Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Don Young, Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rahall and Ranking Member Young:

As a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, I recently introduced H.R. 995, a bill to extend the authorization of The Disabled Veterans Memorial.

This legislation would extend the memorial's charter until 2015, allowing the necessary time to raise the private resources and navigate the 10-year approval process required to bring the Memorial to life in Washington, DC. Already, this bill has garnered 22 original, bipartisan cosponsors. In the 109th Congress, this bipartisan bill passed by voice vote, but it was not taken up by the Senate. Therefore it is critical that this legislation be considered this Congress, since the authorization for the Memorial expires in October 2007.

I urge you and the entire House Committee on Natural Resources to move H.R. 995 through the Committee as quickly as possible so that it may be considered by the full House of Representatives before its expiration date. Attached is a summary of the bill for your review. Please contact Amanda Perez in my office at 5-5905 or at amanda.perez@mail.house.gov with any questions regarding this bill.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PHIL HARE
Member of Congress

Enclosures: Bill summary and text

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