(West Windsor, NJ) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12), who grew up in West Virginia, today issued the following statement on the death of Senator Robert C. Byrd.

“I've know Senator Byrd my whole life. He has a well-deserved reputation as an orator, a historian, and a defender of the rules, traditions, procedures, and functions of the Senate. Yet, I always will remember him for his extraordinary devotion and service to the people of West Virginia. He had a breathtaking attention to detail for his constituents and their individual concerns. Staff members told me that at night they would receive calls at home from the Senator, quizzing them on people who had signed his guestbook that day and asking how he could help them. He would pick people out of a crowd and ask them if his constituent service to them years before took care of their problem.”

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