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Rangel's Empowerment Zone Is Underway

I want to share with you the early developments in the Empowerment Zone which is the "economic engine" driving development in our community.

It will mean new businesses, more jobs, and a better future for ourselves and for our children.

As you know, the Empowerment Zone was a long time coming because of disputes between the city and state, but we are beyond that now. Let us hope the political differences and attacks against some of our most distinguished community leaders, are a thing of the past.

Now is the time to focus our attention on improving economic opportunities for our families, through the Empowerment Zone and as a community.

The Empowerment Zone is now underway. This project will add \$300 million to our district in federal, state, and city funds plus \$250 million of tax credit and other assistance that will provide our community with vast economic and development opportunities.

The Empowerment Zone has already attracted private sector support from major corporations including Blockbuster's, Disney Corporation, Cineplex Odeon theaters, and The Gap which have indicated their intention to locate in Harlem.

Passage of the Empowerment Zone Bill is the most important achievement of my career in the U.S. Congress. Thank you for helping to make this happen. Know that I will continue to work for you in Washington and in New York.

Charles B. Rangel

Rangel Fights For Education Funds

Congressman Rangel's education bill, HR 152, "The Education Tax Opportunities Act of 1997", is under consideration for inclusion in the budget.

Under the plan, Education Zones located in depressed communities, or regions with low income and employment, would be established through the formation of public-private partnerships with the involvement of educators, labor, and business.

The Congressman has also offered a proposal which would increase financial assistance for low-income students attending college.

This proposal would allow a greater number of individuals to receive the HOPE Scholarship Tax Credit that has been proposed by President Clinton.

Partial List of Grants Awarded to the 15th C.D. for FY96-97

*Department of Education 62 Grants
Amount: \$14,477,581*

*Health & Human Services 4 Grants
Amount: \$6,649,725*

*Housing & Urban Development
27 Grants Homeless/Community Dev.
24,000 Apts. Insured by HUD
18,929 Public Housing Units*

Rangel Housing Law Boosts \$1 Million Fund for North General Low-Income Co-ops

Congressman Rangel was joined by the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLB/NY) in announcing the award of a \$1 million subsidy for the construction of 139 low-income co-op apartments in East Harlem.

The units to be built by 1999, are funded in part by the Congressman's Low Income Housing Tax Credit and will be built by the North General Hospital Housing Development Fund.

The apartments, called Maple III, will provide opportunities for ownership to individuals earning roughly \$19,000 to \$27,000 per year.

"This project illustrates the results that the public and private partnerships can produce and how much good can be accomplished," stated Congressman Rangel.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May 1998 with completion in approximately 18 months.

For more information about Maple III and resident eligibility requirements, please call 1-800-Maple-44 or my office.



(Photo by Al Beckett)

Congressman Rangel and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley, get a computer lesson from students of Central Park East Secondary School. Central Park was named one of the five best urban schools in the country and was awarded a \$30,000 grant by the Education Department.

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En marcha ya la zona de desarrollo económico de Rangel

Quisiera compartir con ustedes las últimas noticias con respecto a la zona de desarrollo económico [Empowerment Zone], el "motor económico" que va impulsando el desarrollo en nuestra comunidad.

Significará nuevos negocios, más empleos y un futuro mejor para nosotros y para nuestros hijos.

Como usted ya sabe, la zona tardó mucho en convertirse en realidad debido a disputas entre la ciudad y el estado, pero ya hemos superado todo eso. Espero que las diferencias políticas entre nosotros y los ataques a algunos de nuestros más distinguidos líderes de la comunidad lo pongamos en el pasado.

Es hora de centrar nuestra atención en mejorar las oportunidades económicas para nuestras familias, por medio de la zona de desarrollo económico y como una comunidad.

La zona de desarrollo ya está en marcha. Este proyecto traerá a nuestro distrito \$300 millones de fondos federales, estatales y municipales además de \$250 millones de créditos tributarios y otra ayuda que proporcionará a nuestra comunidad inmensas oportunidades económicas y de desarrollo.

La zona de desarrollo económico ya ha atraído apoyo del sector privado. Empresas grandes como Blockbusters, la Disney Corporation, los teatros de Cineplex Odeon y The Gap ya han indicado su intención de establecerse en Harlem.

El proyecto de ley de zonas de desarrollo económico es el logro más importante de mi carrera en el Congreso de EE.UU. Gracias a todos ustedes por su apoyo a que esto ocurriera. Que sepan que seguiré trabajando para ustedes en Washington y en Nueva York.

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Rangel lucha por los fondos para la educación

El proyecto de ley de educación del congresista Rangel, el HR 152, la Ley Tributaria de Oportunidades Educativas de 1997, se está considerando para inclusión en el presupuesto.

Según el plan, zonas de educación en comunidades deprimidas o en regiones con bajos ingresos y bajo empleo, se establecerían por la formación de asociaciones públicas-privadas con la participación de educadores, el sector laboral y gente de negocios.

El congresista también ha ofrecido una propuesta para aumentar la ayuda financiera para los estudiantes de bajos ingresos que asisten a una universidad.

Esta propuesta permitiría a más individuos recibir el crédito tributario por becas HOPE que ha propuesto el presidente Clinton.

Lista parcial de concesiones al 15o. Distrito Congressional para el año fiscal 96-97

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27 concesiones, desarrollo comunitario/los sin hogar
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Ley de Vivienda de Rangel da por resultado fondo de \$1 millón para unidades cooperativas de bajos ingresos North General

El congresista Rangel se unió con el Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (FHLB NY) en anunciar la concesión de una subvención de un millón de dólares para la construcción de 139 apartamentos para personas de bajos ingresos en el Barrio.

Las unidades, que serán construidas para el año 1999, son financiadas en parte por el Crédito Tributario por Viviendas de Bajos Ingresos de Rangel y serán construidas por el North General Hospital Housing Development Fund.

Individuos con ingresos de aproximadamente \$19.000 a \$27.000 al año tendrán la oportunidad de comprar los apartamentos, llamados Maple III.

"Este proyecto demuestra los buenos resultados que pueden producir las asociaciones entre el sector público y el privado y todo lo bueno que se puede lograr", dijo el congresista Rangel.

El comienzo de la construcción está planeado para mayo de 1988, con la terminación en aproximadamente 18 meses.

Para más información sobre Maple III y los requisitos de elegibilidad de residentes, favor de llamar al 1-800-Maple-44 o mi oficina.



El Congresista Rangel habla sobre política con el Vice Presidente Gore en la Casa Blanca. El Vice Presidente ha apoyado el llamado del Congresista para re-establecer los beneficios para inmigrantes legales e incapacitados.

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