Kingston, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement upon learning of the death of his friend and famed musician Levon Helm.

"America has lost one of its great voices. Levon Helm wasn't just a music icon, he was an icon of our Hudson Valley community. While his music was enjoyed the world over, it had special meaning to those of us who enjoyed his Midnight Rambles and other community events. He was our neighbor, and my good friend. I will miss him dearly. Levon has gone home, but his music will live on forever."