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## DENNY HECK

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Born 1952 in Vancouver, Washington.

Married Paula Fruci Heck (1976), a retired middle school principal. Two sons, Robert (Bob) (b. 1984) and Trey (b. 1991).

B.A. degree, The Evergreen State College, 1973. Attended the first year it opened. Later served on both the Foundation Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees.

Elected to the first of five terms in 1976 to the State House of Representatives from the 17th Legislative District. Chaired the Subcommittee on Basic Education (1977) that produced the Basic Education Act. Co-chaired the House Education Committee during the tied House (1979–81). Elected Minority Floor Leader and Majority Leader (1981–85).

Served as DCOS and Chief of Staff to Governor Booth Gardner (1989–93).

Served as CEO and co-founded TVW, Washington statewide public affairs network from 1993 to 2003. While there, hosted the weekly program, *Inside Olympia*, and won an Emmy for writing and directing a documentary entitled *Supreme Justice*.

Was an original investor in the gaming and streaming media company, Real Networks. Co-founded Intrepid Learning Solutions and several other small businesses.

Author of three books: *Challenges & Opportunities* (an extended essay about the future of Washington's schools); *The Enemy You Know* (a mystery); *Lucky Bounce* (a personal memoir). Also wrote and performed in a one-man play entitled *Our Times*.

With Paula Heck, provided initial funding that established the Principals' Emergency Checkbook Fund within the Olympia Schools Foundation to assist low income students.





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**DENNY HECK — CONTINUED**

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**Denny Heck Congressional Service:**

Ran for the new Tenth Congressional District and won in 2012 with 58.6 % of the vote.

Prior to being sworn in, formed the SR 167 Coalition in Pierce County that successfully advocated for funding of the completion of SR 167.

Appointed in first term to the Financial Services Committee with jurisdiction over capital markets, financial institutions, housing, the Federal Reserve, etc.

Lead House Democrat in 2015 on reauthorization of the job-creating Export-Import Bank.

Member of the New Democrat Coalition, caucus of House Democrats favoring economic growth and innovation.

Founded and co-chaired the Housing Task Force of the New Democrats which produced the report, Missing Millions of Homes, that set forth the housing shortage in America.

Appointed in 2017 to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence which has oversight over the 17 intelligence agencies of the federal government including the Central Intelligence Agency. The committee led the House's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and the 2019 impeachment inquiry.

Prime sponsored legislation enacted into law reforms to FHA's reverse mortgage program.

Prime sponsored legislation enacted into law that renamed the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually Wildlife Refuge.

Co-founded the Puget Sound Recovery Caucus. Prime sponsor of Puget S.O.S. (Save Our Sound) legislation (pending) to restore the health of the Puget Sound.

Co-wrote the SAFE Banking Act, allowing state-regulated marijuana businesses to access the banking system in order to reduce the public-safety risks of all-cash businesses.

