

Biography of Congressman Patrick McHenry

Patrick McHenry is serving his sixth term in the United States Congress where he represents the citizens of North Carolina's 10th District. Congressman McHenry's district comprises seven counties in western North Carolina, from the suburbs of Charlotte to Asheville in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

In the 114th Congress, McHenry serves as the Chief Deputy Whip, a position he was selected to by Majority Whip Steve Scalise (LA-01). As Chief Deputy Whip, McHenry directly assists Majority Whip Scalise by building consensus for the conservative policy agenda of the House Republican Conference.

Congressman McHenry is a member of the House Financial Services Committee where he serves as Vice Chairman of the full committee. In the 113th Congress, Congressman McHenry served as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. In this role, the Congressman provided oversight of the Federal Reserve, Treasury, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other federal financial regulators. He was previously a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

In addition to his leadership roles on the Financial Services Committee, Congressman McHenry authored the primary legislation to legalize equity-based crowdfunding in the United States. The crowdfunding language he first authored in 2011 was eventually included in the JOBS Act which President Obama signed into law in April 2012. In recognition of his work supporting crowdfunding, Congressman McHenry was presented with the 2013 "Crowdfunding Visionary Award" by the Global Crowdfunding Convention. Congressman McHenry was also awarded the Crowdfunding Leadership Award by the University of California at Berkeley Fung Institute's Program for Innovation in Entrepreneurial Finance in 2013.

Congressman McHenry's interest in crowdfunding and capital formation more broadly developed as a child, when his father attempted to grow a small business but struggled for financing. It was this experience—and the lack of small business financing in rural Western North Carolina—that drove Congressman McHenry to become a leader on crowdfunding, capital formation, and other forms of disruptive finance. Recently this has expanded to encompass FINTech as he works with industry leaders to discover innovative ways to combine finance and technology with the goal of expanding access to capital for America's entrepreneurs and small businessmen.

Throughout his career, Congressman McHenry has been a vocal and effective advocate for the men and women who wear the uniform of our country. He received awards from the North Carolina Chapters of the American Legion and Marine Corps League for his extensive work in bringing a veterans' health care clinic to his district after nearly two decades of delay. The National Guard presented Patrick McHenry with the Charles Dick Medal of Merit for his exceptional service to the North Carolina National Guard.

Congressman McHenry has been recognized as a leader of the conservative movement in America. Having never voted for a tax increase in his career, Congressman McHenry is continually recognized as a "Hero of the Taxpayer" by Americans for Tax Reform.

Congressman McHenry is the recipient of several additional awards including: the National Association of Manufacturing's "Manufacturing Legislative Excellence" Award, the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council's "Small Business Champion" Award, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award, the 60 Plus Association's "Guardian of Seniors' Rights" Award, the Family Research Council's "True Blue" Award, and Citizens Against Government Waste's "Taxpayer Hero" Award. In 2009 he was recognized by *Time Magazine* as one of the "40 Under 40," a list of rising stars in American politics.

Most importantly, Congressman McHenry continues to listen to the voters of the 10th District and act as their voice in Washington. His main focus is to provide the highest level of constituent services at home in Western North Carolina.

Prior to being elected to Congress in 2004 at the age of 29, Congressman McHenry represented the 109th District in the North Carolina House of Representatives. He also served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, a post he was appointed to by President Bush. Congressman McHenry is a graduate of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, N.C. and Belmont Abbey College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History. Congressman McHenry and his wife Giulia live in Denver, N.C. and worship at Holy Spirit Church. On August 15th, 2014 Congressman McHenry and Giulia announced the birth of their first child, a daughter named Cecelia Rose.