

Nathan was born in Walla Walla, Washington, and was raised on the Rea family farm in Milton-Freewater, Oregon by his parents Dennis and Laura Rea. From a very young age, Nathan worked in the field with his grandfather H.T. Rea and father planting and harvesting wheat and green peas.

Nathan graduated from DeSales Catholic High School in Walla Walla and earned his degree in agriculture businesses from Washington State University in 2004. His love of his alma mater was not only evident in the numerous WSU Cougar logos found around his desk, but also by his well-stated affection for the famous "Cougar Gold" cheddar cheese, a product produced and sold around the world by students at the WSU Creamery in Pullman. And even though the Cougs only beat my Oregon Ducks football team once during Nathan's eight years in my office, I will admit that Cougar Gold cheese is worthy of the praises Nathan and his fellow alumni so readily tout.

While growing up on the farm, Nathan gained an appreciation for politics and public service and saw the impact that agriculture and trade policy had on his family and community. When he opened the Milton Freewater Valley Herald one morning and saw an opening for an internship in my Washington, D.C. office, he applied and was soon off to our nation's capital.

The work ethic that Nathan learned on the farm was seen from day one when he started in my office. His first full day in D.C. was on a Saturday, but rather than tour the sights as he had planned, Nathan opted to pitch in with the team. He spent the better part of that day in "The Cage" helping fold thousands of outgoing constituent letters and get my mail out the door. It definitely wasn't the glamorous start that he may have expected!

Nathan rose quickly through the ranks in our office. He was hired on full time as a staff assistant after a few short months as an intern and was later promoted to Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Assistant, and Legislative Director.

He served the people of Oregon's Second District—and the country—with his firm grasp of policy issues that mattered to people back home—from promoting Oregon's wonderful agriculture around the world to putting people back to work in the woods to expanding American energy.

If something needed to be done in our office, Nathan would do it. No job was too big or too small—from negotiating landmark legislation to hiring and mentoring young staffers to greeting visiting Oregonians.

One of Nathan's side hobbies is photography. Nathan was always looking for the perfect shot—for committee hearings, for World War II veterans on an Honor Flight, or for his family. In early 2009 during an Energy and Commerce hearing on the salmonella outbreak, I held up a canister of contaminated products and asked the manufacturer if he was willing to eat his own product. Nathan captured this exchange with an excellent photo that was ultimately used by national media outlets and was seen all over the country.

Nathan leaves my office with a long list of accomplishments as well as friends who highly admire him. But most importantly, he leaves with his wonderful family. Nathan met Emily shortly after he was hired in my office, and they married in 2010. A native of Akron, Ohio,

Emily is a child and adolescent psychologist. She has served the children and families of combat injured service members as part of Operation BRAVE Families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Like Nathan, Emily is a true and highly dedicated public servant.

Nathan is no longer a formal member of my staff, but he'll always be a highly valued member of Team Walden. We miss Nathan's intellect, humor and care. I am certain that he will continue to exhibit in his local community the values he showed on my team—Eastern Oregon values like hard work, service, and loyalty.

In a special address to Congress on January 9, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said "The proper role of government, however, is that of a partner with the farmer—never his master. By every possible means we must develop and promote that partnership—to the end that agriculture may continue to be a sound, enduring foundation for our economy and that farm living may be a profitable and satisfying experience." As Nathan departed Washington, D.C. after many years of utilizing his expertise in agriculture to improve our nation's policies—efforts often met by others' misunderstanding of agriculture—he was very well suited to fully appreciate President Eisenhower's noble thoughts. Whether working in Congress or from the family farm, Nathan Rea will make his community a better place and represent his industry with honor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite our colleagues to join me in thanking Nathan and his family for their service to the people of Oregon and the country, and wish them the very best of luck as they make their new life back home in Oregon.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RAINBOW THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center.

Established in 1985, the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center offers equestrian activities to help Prince William County area citizens who are facing mental health or physical challenges. In an age where technological breakthroughs dominate medicine and where urbanization dominates our surroundings, the Rainbow Center has worked diligently to preserve horse-riding not only as a simple form of leisure, but also as a pleasurable means of facilitating the improvement of physical and mental health for many of our citizens.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers with the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center:

April Braun, Leigh Bravo, Larry Conneen, Debbie Cosby, Montana Crawford, Nicole Creedon, Sharon Croft, Meagan Curtis, Thomas Dabney, Nicole Dabney, Shane Dalton, Veronica Demarest, Adele Dennis, Emily Dixon, Carlo Domingo, Natasha Dziarnows, Kristina Ferrell, Rose Flanery, Jennifer Fowler, Kaitlyn Fowler, Samantha Fox, Caroline Gellene, Maddie Gierber, VeeDeanya

Goodgion, AJ Handy, Alex Hickey, Cassie Hickey, Ellen Hill, Abby Hitt, Christine Hutchinson, Susan Jefferies, Marilyn Keeler, Hailey Kemp, Shirley Kossoy, Amber Kozavac, Samantha Lebley, Marie Lerch, MaryBeth Lerch, Ellen Linder, Tatiana Link, Stan Livingston, Susan Livingston, Carin Lodell, Nick Londino, Nicholas Londino, Natalie Lutsky, Jenny Lyons, Jordan McCloskey, Susan McClure, Raleigh McClure, Kelly McGillivray, Sandy McGushin, Kim Millsbaugh, Kyra Min, John Moser, Ellen Mullen, James Mullen, Sue Murphy, Judy Musa, Sandra O'Connell, Gloria O'Connor, Laurie Olivieri, Natalie Pinto, Tori Plumley, Mackie Radar, Diane Ramee, Susan Roberts, Elizabeth Schwitz, Meagan Searles, Larry Shane, Micaela Shrauder, Pat Sodo, Maril Sowa, Emily Steadman, Eliza Stelmack, Susan Sykes, Tyler Walker, Sharyn Walker Kapp, Leighann Whitley and Karen Zipper.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers for the Rainbow Therapeutic Riding Center for their work preserving equestrian activities in Northern Virginia and engaging citizens struggling with mental and physical challenges.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the founders, members and many volunteers of the Minnesota Transportation Museum on the 50th anniversary of the museum. Based in the historic Jackson Street railroad roundhouse in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the museum plays a vital role in preserving and interpreting the history of Minnesota's transportation systems. The museum allows the public to learn about more about how our state has grown, and experience first-hand the vintage rail cars, trains and buses that have helped move and transform our state.

From its inception, the Minnesota Transportation Museum has been a one-of-a-kind museum, with six operating sites. The museum was first formed to save a single streetcar, Twin City Rapid Transit (TCRT) #1300, as it was only one of two that survived completely intact after TCRT was abandoned in 1954. Following restoration of #1300 to operating condition, it was decided that the streetcar would be returned to service for the public. The streetcar began making regular trips on a remaining stretch of the streetcar route in the southwest suburbs of Minneapolis. More than ten thousand people clamored aboard the car during the first several days of operation helping to propel the museum down the track to early success.

Between 1981 through 1985 the Minnesota Transportation Museum ran a series of short steam excursions and shuttle operations in the Twin Cities area, including destinations in New Brighton, Stillwater, Lilydale, and Northfield, Minnesota. These operations spurred annual town celebrations that brought communities together to share and celebrate vision of the museum. Like many nonprofit organizations, the museum has encountered challenges, but

the museum has always risen to overcome these obstacles, thanks to the many volunteers and public supporters drawn to the group's mission.

Not unlike Minnesota transportation itself, the museum has had an amazing history. At the peak of its growth, the museum operated a streetcar line, an interstate tourist railroad, and a 70-foot wood steamboat. The creativity behind preserving this rich part of Minnesota's history remains intact through its volunteer and member network of more than 800 people, many of whom have remained active to this day. By preserving the earliest of streetcars, trains and steamboats, the museum also documents the journey of these vehicles to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy their rich history.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the history and legacy of this organization and the many committed people who make it a success, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Minnesota Transportation Museum.

STATEMENT OF INTRODUCTION—
THE FAIR ACCESS CO-OPS FOR
VETERANS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, across the U.S., there are more than 1.2 million units of housing cooperatives. In New York City, there are close to 6,000 housing cooperatives throughout the five boroughs, housing more than half a million families. Unfortunately, these alternative forms of housing, which are becoming more and more prevalent in urban areas like New York City, Washington, DC, Chicago, and Los Angeles, are not available to our country's veterans.

In 2006, the Congress passed legislation I authored to allow veterans to use the Veterans Affairs' Home Loan Guaranty Program to purchase cooperative housing using their low interest loan benefits. This program allows veterans to buy homes with no down payment and limited closing costs. However, the loan benefit for co-op housing sunset at the end of 2011. That is why today I am introducing legislation, the Fair Access to Co-Ops for Veterans Act, which would permanently permit veterans to use their loan benefits to purchase a co-op. In addition, to ensure that veterans are aware they can utilize the loans for co-op housing units, the bill includes a provision so that the Secretary of the Veterans Administration can advertise the program to eligible veterans, participating lenders, and interested realtors.

By permanently allowing these home loan benefits to include cooperatives, we can honor and thank all who bravely served in our Armed Forces by giving them the tools and resources they need to pursue their dreams of homeownership wherever they live. I thank Senator SCHUMER for introducing companion legislation and thank my colleague Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON for cosponsoring today's bill.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS
FOR LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF
AMERICA-PRINCE WILLIAM, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc. (LVA-PW).

Serving Prince William County for the last 23 years, LVA-PW is a non-profit affiliate of ProLiteracy America dedicated to offering free literacy instruction for adults. With over 685 adult learners, LVA-PW's mission is to teach adults to read, write, and communicate effectively and acquire basic literacy skills to become self-sufficient, better themselves and their families, and enable them to more actively participate in the community. LVA-PW provides free basic literacy instruction, English as a Second Language, computer and workplace literacy, Pre-GED and GED tutoring, and ESOL/Civic tutoring services to the community; none of which would be possible without the unwavering efforts of LVA-PW volunteers. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for Literacy Volunteers of America-Prince William, Inc.:

Deborah Abbott, Cherry Andrews, Joanna Andrusko, Susan Angello, Jan Arbegast, Lidia Baca, Helen Baker, Barbara Ball, Kathryn Baum, Laura Baum, Wanda Beasley, Patti Beattie, Randy Beattie, Susan Brown, Chris Brown, Fred Bryant, Judith Bugbee, Connie Bukzin, Java Calvin, Lusette Campbell-Hylton, Janice Carr, Barbara Charlton, Natacha Clay, Melinda Colassard, Natasha Collier, Jean Cook, Elizabeth Crawford, Joanna Crutchley, Joyce Cummings, Susan Cunningham, Stewart Davis, John Davis, Karen Deloney, Brigitte Dickerson, Inge Donahue, Wayne Doran, Julia Dorsey, Sandra Dowden, Abe Dymond, Douglas Eagles, Dixie Elk, Laura Ellis, Bonny Fahy, Amy Feinberg, Rebecca Ferrall, Diane Figula, Sara Fink, Glorious Ford, June Forte, Trish Freed, Lillian Garland, Forrest George, Rachel Goad, Robert Goldschmidt, Johnnie Gordon, Dominique Graham, Lasheeco Graham, Bobbi Grant, Vicki Gross, Robert Gross, Angela Hailes, John Haneklau, Lori Harrell, Patricia Hart, Zahra Hashmi, Joe Hebert, Jean Heger, Jim Heller, Shandra Herrod, Kathryn Hildebrandt, Wanna Hinchee, Sonia Hoehn, Linda Hwong, Ken Ikeda, Davine Irving, Kristine Jankovits, Viola Jaramillo, Diane Jenifer, Ernestine Jenkins, Marsha Jenkins, James Jolly, Alma Jones, Rose Marie Junge, Jeannette Kameni, George Kerr, Lynn Kerr, Stephen Khan, Roberta Knussman, Martha Koblikska, Susan Koster, Richard Kroh, Mary Langley, Virginia Lawrence, Barbara Leigh, Susan Linden, Juan Martinez, Thomas Matochik, Deborah Matos Lowe, Linda Mazzucchi, Rebecca McCary, Brenda McClary, Dewayne McDaniel, Robert McNeary, Murray Minster, Janet Mouw, Barbara Murphy, Lottise Murray, Sylvestine Myers, Dao Nguyen, Gail O'Neal, Frances Oquendo, Bob Orazi, Mark Ortega, Joseph Papovich, Damita Payne, Henrietta Phillips, Claudia Phillips, Joel Phoenix, Vic Poillucci, Malath Rangan, Keleigh Reece, Bev Reusser, Noreen Reynolds, Harriet Richard, Marley

Richards, Karen Rito, Christie Rolon, Christine Rosen, David Rossi, Bruce Roth, Mercedes Salinas, Nottebon Sanchez, Don Scarr, Cynthia Schell, Joe Schu, Dee Dee Scott, Dottie Smith, Pat Sodo, Janet Sorlin-Davis, Jayne Speck, Steve Spoerry, Jo Storaker, Adele Strader, Linda Sturdivant, Audrea Tarver, Gordon Tassi, Rodney Teixeira, Jean Thompson, Marion Todaro, Cielito Trinidad, Gardenus Tucker, Catherine Turner, Diane Van Bavel, LukeVan de Voorde, Amy Vaughters, Mark Victorson, Erika Visnevskiaia, Tracy Walker, Stephanie Way, Lori Weis, Laura Wheelock, Janis White, Sabine Winkler, Ellen Yarborough, Krystal Yeboah, Brian Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these volunteers for their dedication to adult tutoring and literacy instruction.

RICH IN LAUGHTER IN HONOR OF
RICH LITTLE AND HIS GIFTS TO
AMERICA AND OUR ARMED
FORCES

HON. JOSEPH J. HECK

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Mr. HECK of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents from Nevada, a man who has become so very close to America's heart over the years. Rich Little, the man of over 200 voices. In the last decades he has impersonated every President. Through his rich collection of voices, he has entertained America and the world. In honor of the love of his life, his late wife Maria, he has also formed a foundation to help children, homeless people, and for animals in need. Just recently he has proudly become an American citizen in 2010. For years Rich's other love has been directed towards the men and women of the Armed Forces. Whether on front lines with Bob Hope, or in hospitals across the America with the USO. He has brought so much joy to these heroes and their families. Taking them all back home for the holidays, and letting them forget the evils of war. He is also a very proud father of two lovely daughters, Brio and Alaina. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

RICH IN LAUGHTER!
(By Albert Carey Caswell)

Rich . . .
Rich in laughter!
Rich in joy!
For these are the things in life which we
need so much more!
Some so measure wealth all in silver and
gold!
But the greatest measure of ones wealth,
is but what is so found in the heart's we
hold!
And all of the hearts along the way,
that we so touch with our's of gold!
Make them laugh!
And make them smile!
Ever so strive to so live your life just like a
child!
Like Peter Pan and that crocodile,
be happy and never grow up and ever smile!
For we will only be here for just a while!
So make each day so count,
all in your true amount,
and touch as many hearts along the way all
with your style to mount!