

Henry M. Jackson

Inducted April 14, 1989



Politician

Cascade Chapter

Everett, WA

United States Congressman

United States Senator

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Elected from Washington State to Congress at the age of 28.
Elected to the Senate in 1952.
Known for both his tough stand on defense issues and
for his hard fought conservation legislation.
Chosen by fellow senators in the 1970's as "the most effective senator."
Twice a candidate for the Presidency of the United States.
Chevalier
Legion of Honor
Cascade Chapter, Everett, Washington. Initiated 1928.*

Historians claim he was "the best president we never had." Before Henry "Scoop" Jackson served as congressman, and later, senator, he was just "Scoop." Jackson acquired the nickname during his boyhood, when he delivered newspapers in Everette, Washington.

Educated in the local public schools, Jackson graduated in 1930, and went on to attend the University of Washington in Seattle. After two years, he transferred and graduated from Stanford University. In 1935, he received his law degree from the University of Washington Law School.

Jackson's first professional job was with the law firm Black and Rucker in Everette, Washington. In 1938, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Snowhomish County. In the summer of 1940, he was elected to the Second Congressional District of Washington. Duty called, and Jackson served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1944. He was re-elected to the House of Representatives in November 1944, where he served until he was elected to the Senate in 1952. He was re-elected as Senator in 1958, 1964, 1970, and 1976. He sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 1972 and 1976, being defeated at both attempts. During his prestigious political career, he was best known for his tough stand on defense issues and for his hard-fought conservation legislation. He was chosen by fellow senators in the 1970s as "the most effective senator." Jackson married Helen in 1961, and the couple had two children. He passed away in 1983, after suffering a heart attack.

Jackson was initiated into Cascade Chapter DeMolay in Everette, Washington, in 1928. He was a Chevalier and held the Legion of Honor. Jackson was inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame on April 14, 1989.

"The more things change, the more they are the same. Regardless of the great changes in our society, there is something immutable about DeMolay. The molding of the character and the integrity of young men, that's the greatest accomplishment of DeMolay. By serving the Order of DeMolay, we can bring the light of ideals into the lives of young men."