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# Nick Rahall

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Bridgeport, W. Va. --- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall (D-4th), tonight was named "Outstanding Young Man of West Virginia", by the West Virginia Jaycees. The award was announced at a banquet held in Bridgeport at the Holiday Inn.

The Jaycees, a leadership training organization, numbers 335,000 young men nation-wide, aged 18 to 36.

This is the second such award Rahall has received from the Jaycees. In 1972, he was named "Outstanding Young Man", by the Beckley, W. Va. chapter.

Congressman Nick J. Rahall, 27, is a native of Beckley and was elected to Congress on November 2, 1976. Rahall has the distinction of being the youngest member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Since coming to Congress, Congressman Rahall has been appointed to serve on two of the most important committees. The Public Works and Transportation Committee, and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, both deal heavily with matters concerning the State of West Virginia.

Major legislation introduced so far by Congressman Rahall includes, the Public Works Jobs Bill, the Black Lung Reform Act, and two measures to help the nation's veterans.

Congressman Rahall has also instituted a unique way of keeping touch with his constituents. "Towne Hall" meetings have already been held in all eight counties that make up the Fourth Congressional District, and a newsletter/questionnaire has been sent to all of the District's residents.

A graduate of Duke University, Rahall has served as a staff aide to U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W. Va.), and president of Mountaineer Tour and Travel Agency of Beckley.

Rahall serves on the Board of Deacons of the Beckley Presbyterian Church, and is a member of numerous community service organizations.