

Nancy Pelosi factfile

Democrat Nancy Pelosi begins her term as the first female House speaker in history, only two heartbeats away from the U.S. presidency. After the vice-president, the speaker is second in the line of succession to the presidency



Mar 26, 1940: Born in Baltimore

1962: B.A., Trinity, Washington DC

1983: Appointed chairwoman, California Democratic Party

1985: Finance chairwoman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee

1987: Elected to House, representing California's Eighth District

2001: House Democratic whip

2002-06: House minority leader

Jan 4, 2007: Elected House speaker

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