

The Honorable Ronald V. Dellums
U.S. Representative of California (1971–1998)

Objects: Chairman Portrait

Sense of Pride

Representative Dellums reflects on the personal importance of his portrait.

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I take a great deal of pride in it, and I remember when I got ready to leave, and, you know, there was some, there was a lot of pain on my part, because it was a big decision to decide to leave—because this was a very significant part of my life—and my colleague said “Why are you leaving?” And I said, “There are two of us in this room, and you guys can’t handle one, so one of us has got to go, and the portrait’s going to be here for a while, but I’m going to be looking over you,” so they all laughed. And, but no, it’s a great deal of pride, and when family and friends come back, they want me to take them in to see it.