

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

Objects: Chairman Portrait

Reactions to the Portrait

Representative Dellums recounts the reactions to his portrait.

Interview recorded April 19, 2012

It's not about me. It's the artistry of the person that put it—that did it, but people said they thought it was the most striking portrait that they had seen, and maybe it's coming out of a light background or whatever, but his commitment to detail. But people, my colleagues, it looks like you're getting ready to walk off of it. You know, so people have responded to it. Really, some people's breath, you know, "Oh my God," you know, "What an incredible portrait, and what an amazing talent."