

Liz Abzug

Daughter of U.S. Representative Bella Savitzky Abzug of New York

“I Knew My Life Was Never Going to Be the Same”

Liz Abzug describes her personal role in her mother’s political campaigns.

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I was involved in every one of her campaigns and there were about 10 of them. And she won the primary—the first primary—the first win for Congress—it was a couple of days before I was graduating high school. And at my graduation from high school, *New York Times* sent a crew to film her and write about her, so I—from that point on, I knew my life was never going to be the same because all the attention was on her. I mean, you know. And you’re a kid, you’re in high school, you’re graduating—you want a little bit of—your own little, you know, acknowledgment, but it was a big fanfare, I mean, already. And she got, you know, quick recognition because of the dynamic person she was—how she dressed, how she spoke, and so outspoken, and—you know, larger-than-life character right from the beginning. And yes, I was involved in every one of her campaigns. Like I like to tell people, seven years of my college and law school, she was either in office or running for office or running for a new office during those seven years, and I was involved in every one of those campaigns—for mayor, for Senate, for re-election for Congress. And I say mayor, I mean, New York—first woman to run for New York City mayor, first woman to run for United States Senate in New York, and then re-election for Congress. Seven years. Every year she was running for something. It was actually more than seven years, but that—I’m just referencing it against my college and high—and law school.