

The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley
U.S. Representative of Maryland (1985–1995)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“Working Together as a Team”

Representative Bentley explains the importance of helping women candidates and hiring women in congressional offices.

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We've got to help our candidates who are running, not just putting a woman in because she's a woman—a capable woman. And that's what I keep stressing. When I got in, when I was elected, my two chiefs of staff—one ahead of the other—were both women. My legislative person was a man, an old friend from way back who was excellent at that, but I had, I had, several women on my staff and I had women running my district offices—two of them, two women, et cetera. And we worked together as a team.