

**The Honorable Yvonne Brathwaite Burke**  
U.S. Representative of California (1973–1979)

**Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress**

**A Different Dimension**

Representative Burke describes the diverse qualities women bring to the House.  
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Women always bring a different dimension just by virtue of our role as mothers, our role as homemakers in some instances, going to the store and to, becoming aware of consumer issues. We have become involved with the environment disproportionately because it impacts us greater. So, women do bring a different dimension to leadership, to positions on issues, as well as just an attitude, too. I think that it may be a kinder, gentler institution because women are there.