

The Honorable Beverly Barton Butcher Byron
U.S. Representative of Maryland (1979–1993)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“They Are Four Peas, but They’re Not in the Same Pod”

Representative Byron recalls the differences between the women of the Maryland delegation.
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When I first was elected, there were 16 women Members. Four of whom were from Maryland. Barbara Mikulski sort of took me under her wing. We had Barbara Mikulski, Gladys Spellman, Marjorie Holt, and myself out of the 16. There’s a wonderful article that the Hagerstown paper did, and it said, “They are four peas, but they’re not in the same pod.” Which—and we were all quite different. We were all good friends, but we were all quite different.