

The Honorable Donna F. Edwards
U.S. Representative of Maryland (2008–2017)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“I Believe in the Fight”

Representative Edwards explains the demanding and challenging nature of politics.
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It's been said, it's not beanball and so it can be brutal. I've experienced that brutality. It didn't make me not want to do it, it just toughened me up a little bit. And, you know, sometimes the things that are happening to the American people are not very civil. And so, you know, I believe in the fight and, and sometimes that means that you're going to get and other times it means you're going to give. And, and I think the women of the 21st century are prepared to get and to give. It's, it's a different—when I talk to young women, I, I hear a different way to engage and, you know, people are not—I think that young women are not as afraid of the fight. So I don't worry about the incivility because when you, you know, when you are struggling to put food on the table, and your children can't go to a doctor, and you're taking care of a parent who's, you know, aging and you're still trying work a job and raise a family or you can't get a promotion at a job, it's pretty uncivil.