

**The Honorable Jill Lynette Long Thompson**  
U.S. Representative of Indiana (1989–1995)

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

**Memorable Harassment Statement**

Representative Long Thompson recalls a speech she made on the House Floor after a colleague made an inappropriate remark.

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I had had a, a Member of Congress say something to me that was completely inappropriate. He walked up to me on the House Floor one time and said, "You look really good today, I think I'll chase you around the House Floor." And so, I actually did a one-minute remark on the inappropriateness of that kind of comment and sexual harassment, and made the point that regardless of what the decision would be made in the United States Senate, regarding the confirmation of now-Justice Clarence Thomas, that we need to have strong sexual harassment policies and be aware that even though a colleague of mine saying that kind of thing to me isn't intimidating to me because we're on the same level in the organization, that when you say something like that in the workplace, it can be very, it can be debilitating and it can, can make it very difficult for any, whoever is being harassed to perform their task and, and achieve their, their potential. So I just did my own statement on the House Floor.