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## **Special Exhibit: Women in Congress**

### **"An Extraordinary Place to Grow Up"**

Muftiah McCartin reflects on the significance of working in the House.  
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Oh my God, I grew up in the House. I grew up there. I learned everything. I am who I am because of the House. The House is such an extraordinary place to grow up—the friendships, the camaraderie. I don't know what it's like to work on the Senate, I've only heard stories. I don't think it's as much fun as the House. I think that there's a—even still, even though I say that when Tip O'Neill was here, there were greater bonds of friendship. There was the traveling that they all did together where they bonded. And they weren't going home as much, and there were poker games. And there were Members living in rooming houses and hotels together and so on.