

**The Honorable Constance A. Morella**  
U.S. Representative of Maryland (1987–2003)

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

**Women Leaders**

Representative Morella discusses the effect of women in leadership positions.  
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You know it's like Geraldine Ferraro said of Bella Abzug, "She didn't, she didn't knock at the door to open it for women, she didn't bang it, she didn't blow it up. She took it off its hinges so it would be forever open for women." And so, I see that with women in leadership. I see when you've opened that door and taken it off its hinges then others can walk in. And then you think of ability, you don't think about, "Oh yeah, the first woman to do this" or "We don't have a woman."