

The Honorable Sue Myrick
U.S. Representative of North Carolina (1995–2013)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Lack of Mentoring for Women

Representative Myrick discusses the difference she has noticed between men and women mentors.
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And so, women don't reach out and help in the same way that sometimes a guy will. When you're like, you know, when you do things together as a guy and play golf, or you're in the gym, you know, whatever it may be, there's kind of a camaraderie that builds there, and then people will help one another. And, but women—and part of it may be that you've, you know, with a lot of women, you had to fight to get where you were, and so that's what you're busy doing. But I think there's still a, a, a lack of mentoring among women, not just in politics, but, I mean, in general. That's kind of sad because somebody else paved the way for me, I certainly didn't do it. I mean, yeah, I was the first in a couple things, but, but somebody else in the national scene made it possible for women to be here, Jeannette Rankin, for example. I still can't believe, you know, that that long ago she was able to get elected to Congress. I mean, that's phenomenal. We talked about that type of thing a lot. You know, how in the world did she get elected, all that, and when she was definitely in a man's world?