

The Honorable Mary Rose Oakar
U.S. Representative of Ohio (1977–1993)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Red, White, and Blue

Representative Oakar provides information on campaign materials she used when she ran for public office.

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When I ran for city council, sounds crazy, but I decided I'm just going to wear red, white, and blue, you know, always, which was a big mistake because I ran out of clothes. But this is the colors we chose. And we were able to give these buttons with the rose pens, which is what we could afford, and people would wear that. And they were large. They weren't those tiny ones. And I think that that was very, very helpful. And we had a printer who kind of designed it. You know, it was nice. And our signs, we had a few signs, and they were this color as well. So we always used blue and red in my signs and things. But it was a large button, it wasn't this big, but it was fairly large. And that was something that, that made them know. But most of the people knew me by my first name, you know, it's kind of interesting.