

The Honorable Elizabeth J. Patterson
U.S. Representative of South Carolina (1987–1993)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Campaign Material

Representative Patterson discusses the materials she and her staff handed out on the campaign trail.
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Whenever we did campaign material, I'd try and be involved as much as possible because I knew when people read a brochure and read something, they were then going to ask me about it. And I'd better be prepared to say, you know, what it meant. We, basically, what we handed out at campaigns were fact sheets, more than anything else. We didn't do, we didn't do, a lot of campaign material. Now, my staff might tell you, might correct you, and tell you that we did. It's been, it's been a while, so I can't really remember anything too different. Although at some point we had some that, "I Love Liz." But we were afraid then that people wouldn't know who Liz was and who—what's she running for? So, we sort of played that down. But it was because a lot of people just knew me as Liz. It was just sort of an easy way to do it.