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U.S. Representative of Ohio (1993–2009)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

“Don’t Wait for the Call to Come”

Representative Pryce shares advice she would give women considering a run for Congress.
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That you don’t have to be asked to run for Congress. You can just want to be in Congress and you don’t have to wait for somebody to beg you to do this job. It’s a great job, it’s an honor to do it. Men promote themselves. And women don’t have to wait for the call to come. They can just get right out there and jump in with both feet, and they should. And, they should, you know, learn how to promote themselves. The big joke was you never voted for yourself when you were running for class president. Well, why not? You want other people to vote for you. So, it, it, and to encourage other women to do it. Maybe it is just that one phone call that you make to somebody who you might have an inkling would be a good candidate. Maybe that’s all it would take. Call her and tell her, “You’d be great, I’ll help you.”