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

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Early Inspiration

Representative Pryce recalls some of the women who inspired her when she was young.
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My mother was definitely a professional woman and back then there weren't that many and so she was certainly a role model to me. There was another female pharmacist that I would spend a lot of time with working in a, in a, in one of our stores and, and she also was a role model. My grandmother was as well. She never worked in, in the pharmacy industry, but she had been an abused woman and eventually my mother, who was the oldest, convinced her to, to leave the abusive relationship and she moved in with us and I never really knew my grandfather, but she was a definitely a role model for me. She never had learned to drive or do anything for herself and I watched as she acquired those skills late in life to, you know, develop her own sense of self. And she was a tremendous influence on all of the children in my family and, and gave us a lot of hope that no matter how old you are you can still change things for yourself.