

**Deborah D. Pryce**  
U.S. Representative of Ohio (1993–2009)

## **Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress**

### **“Just the Two of Us”**

Representative Pryce discusses how she cared for her young daughter while also serving as a Member of Congress.

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And then I adopted my Mia. So, Mia, it was just the two of us so it became a little trickier. And, Mia would come to Washington with me as until she was two because she was a lap baby and she could fly for free. And, and so I had, you know, the extra stress of packing her up and getting her here and screaming in the airport, but it all worked out. And I had a babysitter for her, you know, here and, and this, this young woman brought her son and she had a playmate and it was, and she would come to the office sometimes and my staff loved her and it was just—and it worked out fine. I think that, like any job in the modern world for women, mothers, and fathers, you know, it, it can work. You just, sometimes it gets a little complicated, but you can work it out if, if you, if you have the right support structure which I was very lucky that I did. I have a big family, and they could help me. I had a wonderful godmother to my daughter Mia who, who helps and still does to this day. And, it's, I'm very, very blessed, but it, I can't say that it wasn't hard, especially on Mom. That's the, you know, I don't think the kids suffer too much because she was around a lot and she still—she, I remember she used to think the House was our house. The House, so when I would talk about the House or the floor of the House, you know, that's, you know, our Washington house.