

**The Honorable Patricia Saiki**  
U.S. Representative of Hawaii (1987–1991)

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

### **Women “Bring a Different Perspective”**

Representative Saiki emphasizes the need to have women in elected office.  
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Women do bring a different perspective on things as they are being discussed issue-wise at the local level, at the committee level. And I think that is important because after all women make up half the world and half the voters, and they should be represented. Their thinking is a little bit different in many ways. They're much more concerned about the impact on their families. They're much more concerned about the social, emotional issues. And they're not as committed to, shall we say, forward progression as seeking power and so forth. You will find exceptions, of course, but nevertheless I think most women who run for office have a purpose for running. And I think they add to the discussion that is so necessary at not only the state level but at the congressional level as well.