

**Allyson Y. Schwartz**  
U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (2005–2015)

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

### **Lots of Determination**

Representative Schwartz speaks about her determination and direct approach as a Representative.  
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I've gone directly to Republicans and just told them what I wanted to do. And I had one Republican say to me, "No one does that. You don't come to the chair of the committee and talk to them directly. You have to go through the chain." I'm like, "I didn't know that." Okay, you get a little more perspective. But sometimes just going directly, getting it done. Again, I had a real—well, I guess I still do—a real determination to get things done. Look, you don't get everything done. You know that. You have to pick and choose. You have to save priorities. But you do have to become a champion for the work that you're doing, and to pursue it.