

**The Honorable Sue W. Kelly**  
U.S. Representative of New York (1995–2007)

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**Working Hard on the Campaign**

Representative Kelly recalls her busy schedule as she traversed the district during her first campaign to fill the House seat previously held by Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr.

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So, what I did was simply accept every invitation anybody gave me. And, so I ran—I would get up in the morning, sometimes at 5:00 in the morning, and get in a car and drive out to Port Jervis, which is an hour and a half from this area and—from where I live—and make a speech at 9:00 in the morning, have a breakfast, and then zigzag all the way back across Orange County, going from one event to another. And I did that day, after day, after day. I went everywhere. I walked into every village in the district, and I, and I shook hands and said to people, “I am a, I am a—Sue Kelly, and I’m running for Congress. And I’m a small businesswoman, just like you. So, I would—I want your vote because I am going to represent, I am going to represent we small business people.” I, I knew that Ham hadn’t been in half those villages in years, and I was pretty sure his son wasn’t going to be there either. So, I just worked. I outworked, I won because I outworked everybody.