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Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Run for Office and Surprise Yourself

Representative Tsongas talks about the importance of women running for elected office.
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Well as I say, women can't win if women don't run. So this doesn't, this is not going to happen by some miracle somewhere. It's only going to happen if women make the, make the decision to get out there and run for office, and, you know, commit to, commit to all the things that that requires. It, it's, it's not meant to be easy, but it's not rocket science. And a lot of it isn't learned until you do it. But, and you have to take that on, and do it as best you can, as absolutely, as best you can. And perhaps surprise yourself, and win. And I do think the more of us that do it—and do it in general—but the more of us that do it, and do it successfully, it just sort of begins to become part of the fabric of who we are as a country.