

The Honorable Lynn C. Woolsey
U.S. Representative of California (1993–2013)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Competitive Basketball

Representative Woolsey remembers being the first woman Representative on the Members' basketball team.

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Well, first of all, you have to remember that I was elected in '92, on my 55th birthday. So I was not a young, spry, athletic woman, but I was certainly in decent shape. I thought that would be fun. And so I got on, I got on the team, and they played real basketball. I mean, hard basketball. They put me in and threw the ball at me and broke my finger. But worse, they broke my fingernail. So it was—I mean, I was stunned. I had no idea they played, that was real ball. I wasn't up to that. But I loved being part of it and everything. Got, I think my picture was in *People* magazine or something, I don't know what. But, yeah. I just thought women should be on it.