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The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues was founded on April 19, 1977, by a small, bipartisan group of Congresswomen who gathered in a room in the U.S. Capitol to discuss the problem of spousal abuse. In the years that followed, the ever-increasing numbers of women elected to Congress have continued to meet to discuss and act on a wide range of issues affecting women and their families. The bipartisan spirit and cooperation reflected in the Caucus leadership continues today.

The Congresswomen who have co-chaired the Caucus are:

Hon. Liz Holtzman (D-NY) and Hon. Margaret Heckler (R-MA), 1977-1979
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NEW WOMEN SENATORS & MEMBERS OF THE 110TH CONGRESS

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*Celebrating the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues
on the occasion of its
Thirtieth Anniversary
and*

*Honoring the first woman Speaker of the House of Representatives,
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
the record number of women in Congress and leadership positions,
and the Women's Caucus Co-Chairs, past and present*

Welcome

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Dinner Speaker

THE HONORABLE NANCY PELOSI
SPEAKER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Women's Caucus Legislative Agenda for the 110th Congress
Introduction of New Women Members*

THE HONORABLE LOIS CAPPS
THE HONORABLE CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS
Co-Chairs
Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

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*Tuesday, March 6, 2007
Union Station, East Hall • Washington, DC*

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SPEAKERS

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

On January 4, 2007, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi made history, breaking the "marble ceiling" to become the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives. For the previous four years, Speaker Pelosi had served as Democratic Leader, the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Congress and the first woman to lead a major political party. She has represented San Francisco for nineteen years, and previously served as House Democratic Whip, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, and the longest-serving member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

CO-CHAIRS, CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

The Honorable Lois Capps

In her sixth term representing California's 23rd District, Congresswoman Lois Capps is a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, serving on the Health, Environment and Hazardous Materials, and Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittees. She co-chairs the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, and has been a longtime champion for women's health and the environment.

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers is serving her second term representing Washington's 5th District, and serves on the House Armed Services, Education and Labor, and Natural Resources Committees. She co-chairs the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, and is a strong advocate for health information technology and education.

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The Honorable Judy Biggert

In her fifth term representing Illinois' 13th District, Congresswoman Judy Biggert serves as Ranking Member on the House Financial Services Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee. She also serves on the Committees on Education and Labor, and Science and Technology. A co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 107th Congress, she has championed women's health and financial literacy.

The Honorable Ginny Brown-Waite

Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite is serving her third term representing Florida's 5th District. She serves on the House Financial Services, Homeland Security, and Veterans' Affairs Committees. She was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 109th Congress, and has been a leader on the issues of violence against women and veterans' affairs.

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito

In her fourth term representing the 2nd District of West Virginia, Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito serves on the House Financial Services Committee. She was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 108th Congress. Congresswoman Capito has been an advocate for women's health and seniors.

The Honorable Margaret Heckler

One of the founding co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Ambassador Margaret Heckler served in Congress from 1967-1982. After leaving Congress, she served as Secretary of the Department of

Health and Human Services from 1983-1985, and then as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland from 1985-1989. During her congressional service, Ambassador Heckler was a champion for child care and equal credit for women.

The Honorable Liz Holtzman

One of the founding co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Liz Holtzman served in Congress from 1973-1981; she is the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. After leaving Congress, she taught at NYU Law School, was elected district attorney of Brooklyn and later New York City Comptroller, then returned to the practice of law. During her congressional service, Ms. Holtzman fought for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and against sex discrimination in federal programs.

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey

Congresswoman Nita Lowey is serving her tenth term representing New York's 18th District. She serves on the Appropriations Committee, where she chairs the State, Foreign Operations Subcommittee. A champion for women and families, she was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 104th Congress and is one of the founding board members of Women's Policy, Inc. Congresswoman Lowey also was the first woman and the first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney

Currently in her eighth term, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney represents New York's 14th District. She serves on the House Financial Services Committee, where she chairs the Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, and serves on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. A longtime leader on women's and family issues, Congresswoman Maloney was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 106th Congress.

The Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald

Currently in her seventh term representing the 37th District of California, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald is the first African American woman to chair the House Administration Committee. She also serves on the Small Business and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. Congresswoman Millender-McDonald was a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 107th Congress, and has been a champion for women's health and human rights.

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton

In her ninth term, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton represents the District of Columbia. She serves on the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Homeland Security, and Transportation and Infrastructure, where she chairs the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. A leader on civil rights and women's health, Congresswoman Norton became the first African American to co-chair the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in the 105th Congress.

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis

Congresswoman Hilda Solis is serving her fourth term representing California's 32nd District, and has been a leader on health care and the environment. She is the first Latina to serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. She also serves on the Natural Resources Committee. In the 109th Congress, Congresswoman Solis became the first Latina to serve as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

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