Anniversary of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

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Wednesday, March 7, 2012 Union Station, East Hall, Washington, DC

Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Co-Chairs Reps. Cynthia Lummis and Gwen Moore

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International Women's Issues Reps. Judy Biggert and Jan Schakowsky

Afghan Women Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Donna Edwards

Trafficking Reps. Ann Marie Buerkle and Carolyn Maloney

Women in the Military/Veterans Reps. Kay Granger and Susan Davis

Young Women Reps. Renee Ellmers and Tammy Baldwin

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Education Rep. Judy Chu

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 women Members who have co-chaired the Caucus are:

Reps. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY) and Margaret Heckler (R-MA), 1977-1980 Reps. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) and Margaret Heckler (R-MA), 1980-1982 Reps. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) and Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME), 1983-1994 Reps. Connie Morella (R-MD) and Nita M. Lowey (D-NY), 1995-1996 Reps. Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), 1997-1998 Reps. Sue W. Kelly (R-NY) and Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY), 1999-2000 Reps. Judy Biggert (R-IL) and Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), 2001-2002 Reps. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) and Louise Slaughter (D-NY), 2003-2004 Reps. Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL) and Hilda Solis (D-CA), 2005-2006 Reps. Lois Capps (D-CA) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), 2007-2008 Reps. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Mary Fallin (R-OK), 2009-2010 Reps. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Gwen Moore (D-WI), 2011-2012



Celebrating the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues on the occasion of its Thirty Fifth Anniversary

Welcome

Amy Plaster Board Chair Women's Policy, Inc. **Cindy Hall President** Women's Policy, Inc.

Women's Caucus Legislative Priorities for the Second Session Reps. Cynthia Lummis and Gwen Moore Co-Chairs, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Introducing Past and Current Members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues Current and Former Women Members of Congress

Tribute to former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz Vice-Chair, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Celebrating the Past 35 Years of Progress for Women Former Co-Chairs, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

> Closing Remarks Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

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SPEAKERS

Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

Nancy Pelosi is the Democratic Leader of the House of Representatives in the 112th Congress. From 2007 to 2011, she served as the first woman Speaker of the House and is also the first woman in American history to lead a major political party in Congress, having served as House Democratic Leader from 2003 to 2007. Leader Pelosi has represented San Francisco, California's Eighth District, for 25 years.

CO-CHAIRS, CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

Rep. Cynthia Lummis

Rep. Cynthia Lummis is serving her second term representing Wyoming-At-Large. She serves on the Appropriations Committee. Taxation issues and protecting natural resources are among her top priorities in Congress.

Rep. Gwen Moore

Rep. Gwen Moore is serving her fourth term representing the 4th District of Wisconsin. She serves on the Financial Services and Budget Committees. Rep. Moore has championed protections and services for battered women and efforts to overhaul our nation's welfare system.

VICE-CHAIRS, CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler is serving her first term representing the 3rd District of Washington. She is vice-chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, and serves on the Small Business Committee. Rep. Herrera Beutler has advocated for affordable health care and tax relief, and co-chairs the Women and the Economy/Business Task Force.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz is serving her fourth term representing the 20th District of Florida. She serves on the Budget Committee. Rep. Wasserman Schultz is Vice Chair of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and serves as Chief Deputy Whip. She has been a leader on women's health and child protection issues.

FORMER CO-CHAIRS, CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

Rep. Judy Biggert

In her seventh term representing Illinois' 13th District, Rep. Judy Biggert chairs the Financial Services Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity. She also serves on the Education and the Workforce, and Science, Space, and Technology Committees. A co-chair of the Women's Caucus in the 107th Congress, she has championed women's health and financial literacy. She currently co-chairs the International Women's Issues Task Force.

Rep. Shelley Moore Capito

In her sixth term representing West Virginia's 2nd District, Rep. Shelley Moore Capito chairs the Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, and serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. A strong advocate for women's health and seniors, Rep. Capito co-chaired the Women's Caucus during the 108th Congress and currently co-chairs the Women's Health Task Force.

Rep. Lois Capps

Rep. Lois Capps is serving her eighth term representing the 23rd District of California. She is a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and has been a leader on women's health and education issues. Rep. Capps co-chaired the Women's Caucus in the 110th Congress and currently co-chairs the Women's Health Task Force.

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman

One of the founding co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Elizabeth Holtzman represented the 16th District of New York 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, and then returned to private practice. During her congressional service, Ms. Holtzman fought for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and against sex discrimination in federal programs.

Rep. Nancy L. Johnson

Former Rep. Nancy Johnson represented the 5th District of Connecticut from 1983-2007. While in Congress, she served as chair of three Ways and Means Subcommittees: Oversight, Human Resources, and Health; she also chaired the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. A champion for health care and taxation issues, Ms. Johnson entered private practice after leaving Congress. She co-chaired the Women's Caucus in the 105th Congress.

Rep. Nita M. Lowey

Rep. Nita Lowey is serving her twelfth term representing the 18th District of New York. She serves on the Appropriations Committee, where she is Ranking Member of the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee. A leader on education and women's issues, Rep. Lowey is one of the founding board members of Women's Policy, Inc. She served as co-chair of the Women's Caucus in the 104th Congress.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney

Currently in her tenth term, Rep. Carolyn Maloney represents the 14th District of New York. She is Ranking Member of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. She also serves on the Oversight and Government Reform and Joint Economic Committees. A champion for women and families, Rep. Maloney was a co-chair of the Women's Caucus in the 106th Congress and currently co-chairs the Trafficking Task Force.

Amb. Connie Morella

Amb. Connie Morella represented the 8th District of Maryland from 1987-2003. While in Congress, she chaired the Technology Subcommittee of the Science Committee, and the Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. After leaving Congress, she was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and taught at American University. A champion for women and families, Amb. Morella is one of the founding board members of Women's Policy, Inc.; she served as co-chair of the Women's Caucus in the 104th Congress.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton is serving her eleventh term representing the District of Columbia. She is the Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. She also serves on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A leader on civil rights and women's health, Del. Norton became the first African American woman to co-chair the Women's Caucus in the 105th Congress.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers is serving her fourth term representing the 5th District of Washington. She serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee. In her second term as Vice Chair of the Republican Conference, Rep. McMorris Rodgers is a strong advocate for health information technology and education. She co-chaired the Women's Caucus in the 110th Congress and currently co-chairs the Afghan Women's Task Force.

Rep. Jan Schakowsky

Currently in her seventh term, Rep. Jan Schakowsky represents the 9th District of Illinois. She is a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. A champion for women's health and ending violence against women, she co-chaired the Women's Caucus in the 111th Congress and currently co-chairs the International Women's Issues Task Force.

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