

## **Arva Marie Johnson**

### **1998 Shooting of Two Capitol Police Officers**

Reaction to learning of the shooting deaths of two friends and colleagues.

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Oh, I broke down. I was working overtime that day in the Rayburn subway. For some reason, the police officers always get the late stuff, and people and press were coming through saying 'two of your police officers got shot over at the Capitol.' So then we had to go stick our heads in the credit union window, so we could see on the television. I said, 'Oh, my God.' And then they started coming over, yelled two officers were down, and they didn't know if they had the shooter or not. So they shut everything down at that point. And then later on, throughout the evening, that's when they came over and told us who the officers were that had been shot. And I broke down. So some of my coworkers, they took over because they didn't quite know them the way that I knew them, because I'd worked with these two officers all the way through.