

The Honorable Susan Molinari
U.S. Representative of New York (1990–1997)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Women Members Working Together

Representative Molinari remembers supporting her female colleagues.
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And I think we stood each other up. I remember being at—I think I was getting an award at the *Glamour* Women of the Year Awards, and Pat Schroeder was there as a former, and Connie Morella as a former—when we heard about, and I want to say it was either Tailhook or Aberdeen. And we met in the lobby. We all just happened to be going out at the same time and we were like, "Did you hear this story that's breaking?" And Pat, being on the Armed Services Committee, organized a meeting, you know, shortly thereafter. It must have, it must have been Aberdeen, because I had Susan at the time—and was able to organize this meeting where, you know, the, the generals had to come in and answer some questions about what was going on and how they were monitoring it. And I think it was that, you know, there were those issues, right, that just sort of allowed us to stand each other up to say we are going to challenge the way things have been done. And, so, yes, I learned a lot from Congresswoman Schroeder. She's a, you know, she was great, and she was tough, and she was smart. And, but I think we all kind of stood each other up at those moments to say, you know, "This isn't just for us." And then, once you have a baby girl, all bets out the window. You are so determined to change this world for her.