

The Honorable Sue Myrick
U.S. Representative of North Carolina (1995–2013)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Hiring Women

Representative Myrick recalls employing and promoting women whenever possible.
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I had two, two women chief of staff. I had a woman legislative director. I tried to hire women every chance I could. Sometimes if they don't apply, you don't have a choice, you know. But I always tried to do that because, again, it's that mentoring, of giving them the opportunity. Because that's really good on a résumé, to go on and do something else if you've been a chief of staff for a Member of Congress, or a Senator, or whatever it may be. So, yes, that's extremely important. Mentoring a staff, and, and trying to include women. I tried to promote them, you know, move them up every chance I got. And actually a couple of them, you know, started out with me as interns, and moved on up the ranks. And one of them became my, we didn't call it, we called it an administrative assistant, back then, in D.C. And then I did have a chief of staff in the district, who was a good friend that I'd had for a while. And so, that's why I kept my chief of staff in the district. To me it was important that he be there, and be the eyes and ears when I wasn't. But for my office up here, we had women. And there are more of them, now, than there used to be. When we first came up here, there weren't many women chief of staffs. So, it's, that has improved.