“A woman’s place is in the House...and the Senate.”

Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman elected to Congress, beginning her term in the House of Representatives in 1916.

Rebecca Felton of Georgia was the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. Appointed in 1922, her term lasted one day.

Hattie Caraway of Arkansas was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate in 1931. She was also the first to chair a committee.

Women’s History Month: Celebrating the Women of Congress

Patsy Mink of Hawaii was the first Asian American woman elected to Congress in 1964.

Shirley Chisholm of New York was the first African American woman elected to Congress in 1968.

Mae Ella Nolan (center) of California was the first woman to chair a Congressional committee and the first to win a special election. Nolan was elected to the House of Representatives in 1922.

The first woman elected to party leadership in the U.S. Congress was Chase Going Woodhouse of Connecticut in 1949.

California’s Nancy Pelosi became the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007.

Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts was the longest serving woman in Congress, with 35 years.

Alice Robertson of Oklahoma was the first woman to preside over the House of Representatives in 1922.

Rachel Hinds McCormick served Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1909 and became the first woman to appear on the cover of “Time” magazine that same year.

Ruth Hanna McCormick served Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1929 and became the first woman to appear on the cover of “Time” magazine that same year.

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