

# Honor Women's History

## CAROLYN MALONEY

Carolyn B. Maloney served as the U.S. Representative for New York's 14th and later 12th Congressional Districts from 1993 to 2023. A former New York City teacher and administrator, Maloney was the first woman to chair the House Joint Economic Committee and the first woman to chair the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

As co-chair of the House Caucus on Women's Issues, she authored and helped enact the Debbie Smith Act. Called one of the nation's most important anti-rape laws, the law provided federal funding to clear the backlog of rape kits. Maloney also authored and passed the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, saving many lives.

Her other legislative initiatives include introducing the Childcare Affordability Act, serving as the chief House sponsor for the Equal Rights Amendment, authoring and securing House passage of a bill providing four weeks of paid parental leave to federal employees and sponsoring the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, which guarantees counseling, legal assistance and medical care for campus victims of sexual assault.

In 2020, Maloney's bill to establish a Smithsonian American Women's History Museum on the National Mall was approved and signed into law.