



# PATSY MATSU TAKEMOTO MINK

(1927- 2002)

was the **first woman of color** elected to the **U.S. House of Representatives** and the **first Asian-American woman** to serve in **Congress**.

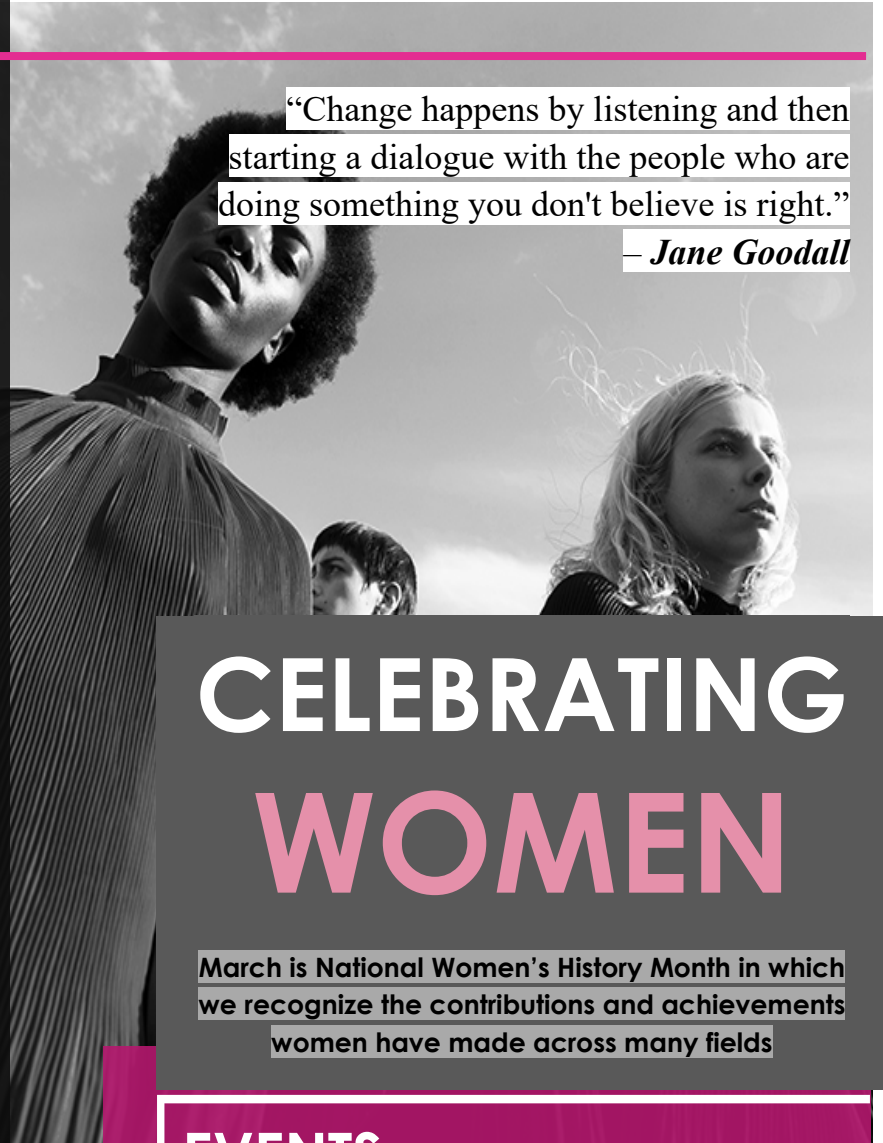
Patsy Mink was a Hawaiian born, third-generation Japanese American. After she was originally denied eligibility to take the bar exam due to being married and having a child, she challenged the statute, passed the bar, and opened her own office in Chicago.

Mink contributed to writing bills like Title IX, the Early Childhood Education Act, and the Women's Educational Equity Act.

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“Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don't believe is right.”

– *Jane Goodall*



# CELEBRATING WOMEN

March is National Women's History Month in which we recognize the contributions and achievements women have made across many fields

## EVENTS

### Smithsonian Poetry Workshop: Ode Poetry + Harriet Tubman

April 7, 2021 12:30 pm EST

An ode is a poem that praises an individual, an idea, or an event. Participants will look at examples of odes and compose an individual work based on Harriet Tubman. Register [here](#).

### NOAA Presentation – “Opposing Xenophobia - How to Support the AAPI Community”

April 8, 2021 1:30pm EST

Dottie Li, Founder and CEO of TransPacific Communications, will lead a virtual session that engages NOAA's AAPI employees and others to discuss the issues and challenges they may have experienced, faced, read and encountered. Register [here](#).

