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## **ICYMI: Rep. Frankel Celebrates Signing of Her Bill Honoring Justices Sandra Day O’Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

**Washington, DC** – Yesterday, Representative Lois Frankel (FL-21), Co-Chair of the Democratic Women’s Caucus, joined House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Scott O’Connor, son of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, and Professor Kelsi Corkran, former clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, to celebrate the signing of her bill to place statues of the two former Justices on Capitol Grounds.

For video of Rep. Frankel’s full remarks, [click here](#).

Below are Rep. Frankel’s remarks, as delivered:

*“Of the hundreds of busts and statues on Capitol grounds, only about 14 of them are of women. It’s pretty shocking, isn’t it? So, that’s one of the reasons I’m very excited to be here today.*

*But I wanted to tell you a personal story. When I was a young law student in the early 1970’s. Back then, there weren’t many students who looked like me. There were hardly any women law professors. In fact, only four percent of the students in law school were female at the time. It was the days before women could get credit cards, there were no laws requiring equal pay or equal opportunities in school.*

*Madam Speaker, you won't be surprised, but I organized the women of my class—the few of us that were in the class—to go hear a lecture from this superstar female law professor we heard about who was teaching at Rutgers Law School.*

*We piled into a van and took the two-and-a-half-hour ride to Camden and it was a ride that changed my life. We got to the classroom, and saw this tiny, young woman with a quiet voice who then proceeded to mesmerize us as she told us about how the law treated men and women differently. We left Camden that day on a new mission, ready to fight for equal justice for men and for women.*

*Little did I know that just about 20 years later, that young law professor would eventually become the second female Justice on the United States Supreme Court. And that 50 years later I, the young law student, would be standing here as a Member of Congress with the privilege of honoring that professor, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and her very outstanding colleague, Sandra Day O'Connor, both who faced incredible adversity, made remarkable, and historic achievements.*

*I am very proud that future generations—millions of visitors, especially children from all over the country and the world—are going to come over to the Capitol, see the statues of these women and hopefully want to learn more about them...I can't wait to bring my two little grandsons by one day and say 'Hey, you see? Girls can do it too.'*

The bipartisan bill was co-sponsored by Democratic Women's Caucus Co-Chairs, Lois Frankel (FL-21), Jackie Speier (CA-14) and Brenda Lawrence (MI-14), DWC Vice Chairs Veronica Escobar (TX-16) and Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) and Bipartisan Women's Caucus Co-Chairs Congresswomen Madeleine Dean (D-PA) and Jenniffer González-Colón (R-PR), in the House, and by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ).

President Biden [signed the bill](#) into law on April 14, 2022.

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