

Schakowsky Gets Women

Leadership Role

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WASHINGTON--Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky is getting a new title besides the one she already has as a member of new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's leadership team. The eight-year veteran of the House from Evanston who represents parts of Chicago and its suburbs has been chosen by members of the Women's Caucus to be their vice chair. It had 15 female House members when it formed 30 years ago. Today, there are 71 women. Schakowsky has been a leading advocate for women's issues, sponsoring legislation that would prevent violence against immigrant women, establish transitional housing for women and children who are victims of abuse, and commemorating International Women's Day. Schakowsky remains as chief deputy majority whip for Pelosi, the first female U-S House speaker in history.