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**HONORING THE WOMEN WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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Mr. Speaker, it is our distinct privilege to recognize an incredible group of women today. On May 29, 1943, in the midst of war, a new image appeared on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post. Created by Norman Rockwell, it was an image of a woman who was strong and brave. The image acted as an introduction to heroes the American people had already come to know. These heroes, known as Rosie the Riveters, have been solidified in our national memory as champions. Initially, there was uncertainty as to whether or not women should be allowed to work in industries and fill positions that were previously only occupied by men. However, as the war moved on, women began to fill positions in the workplace and keep American industry, and the war effort, afloat. Slogans such as "The More Women at Work the Sooner We Win" were sprawled across newspapers and magazines and appealed to women's patriotism and willingness to serve.

As a part of Women's History Month, on March 22nd, we will welcome a group of "Original Rosies" to the United States Capitol to celebrate their tremendous contributions to our nation.

To these women we say: through your service during the Second World War, you played an invaluable role in the war effort and victory as a part of the Greatest American Generation. Your rigorous work and passionate love of our great country are arguably what sustained the American people, at home and abroad, during a volatile time of war and uncertainty. You made great personal sacrifices and served with such infectious zeal that you were able to reinvigorate the war effort and inspire, encourage, and support your communities. Since your time serving during the War, the number of working women in the United States has never fallen to pre-war levels; this is one of countless examples of your legacy. Your generation paved a path for the generations of women to follow.

We are grateful for the work you have done. We honor you and recognize your work as a symbol of American strength and ingenuity. Rosie's story inspires us. You inspire us, and we will continue to tell your stories to our children and grandchildren to ensure the American spirit, which you embody, never leaves our hearts. Your spirit is a reminder to the American people that we, too, can do something more for our country.