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Women of the U.S. Senate Honored During National Business Women's Week BPW Foundation Salutes Senate Women's Leadership in Reopening the Government

During National Business Women's Week 2013, [Business and Professional Women's \(BPW\) Foundation](#) honors and salutes the Women of the United States Senate for their leadership and for displaying the fortitude to pave the way to a sensible compromise that reopened the government and allowed it to pay its bills. Having female leadership in Congress has proven, once again, to be a critical asset in shaping and negotiating key legislation.

October 21-25, 2013 marks the 85th anniversary of [National Business Women's Week](#) (NBWW), a national BPW Foundation signature event that recognizes the achievements of working women throughout history. Traditionally during NBWW, BPW Foundation singles out extraordinary women who epitomize what it means to be a woman leader in the workplace. This year all of the U.S. Women Senators have earned this honor by demonstrating the importance of working together and being willing to reach across the aisle and do the hard work necessary to craft a compromise.

In a letter sent to each woman U.S. Senator, [Roslyn Ridgeway, BPW Foundation Chair](#) thanked them for their "stalwart leadership in working toward the deal that ended the government shutdown and avoided a possible default. You and your fellow female Senators played an instrumental role in coming up with a bipartisan framework that broke through the political gridlock of the last few weeks."

Ridgeway said, "It is particularly fitting that our [women in the Senate](#) led the way during the month BPW Foundation celebrates National Business Women's Week. Their leadership both demonstrates and validates NBWW, which calls attention to local women entrepreneurs, facilitates discussions on the needs of working women and their families, shares information about successful workplace policies, and raises awareness of resources available for women in their communities."

NBWW is celebrated by BPW organizations and their local communities across the country and this year they will be highlighting the work of the Women of the U.S. Senate as they hold their various town halls, lunches, briefings and conferences.

[About BPW Foundation](#): With a legacy dating back to 1919, BPW Foundation was the first foundation dedicated to conducting research and providing information on working women. The mission of BPW Foundation is to promote systematic change in the workplace by strengthening the capacity of organizations and businesses to create environments that are inclusive and value the skills and contributions of working women, empowering them to achieve their full potential.

[About National Business Women's Week](#): Since its creation in 1928, the NBWW has been sponsored by Business and Professional Women to recognize and honor the achievements of working women throughout history. BPW members and BPW Foundation call attention to the leadership of working

women and local women entrepreneurs, facilitate discussions on the needs of working women, share information about successful workplace policies and raise awareness of resources available for women in their communities.