

Ripon

Profile



Name: M. Jodi Rell

Hometown: Brookfield, Conn.

Occupation: Governor,
State of Connecticut

Previous Jobs: Lieutenant Governor,
January 1995 – June 2004
State Representative (107th District), 1985
– 1995

Individual(s) who inspired me as a child: I have always had a great deal of admiration for my step-mother: Anyone who could manage a large, blended family and keep house so well was a hero in my book.

Historical figure(s) I would most like to meet: I would love to meet Amelia Earhart and ask what drew her to aviation. Being married to an airline pilot (now retired), I understand the thrill of flying. But she must have been a remarkable woman to have entered into such a career in an age when women pilots were all but unknown.

Issue facing America that no one is talking about: The growing use of alcohol and drugs among the very young. It isn't just teen-agers we have to worry about anymore – these days it's 7- and 8-year-olds as well.

What the GOP must do to reclaim its congressional majority: The party must move to the center – cease polarizing every issue – and listen more closely to everyday people.