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Don't make waves. Don't rock the boat

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That was my mother's philosophy, although she did have her subtle, passive ways of attempting to change the tide, at least for Dad and me. Outside the family she was meek and timid.

Dad on the other hand was more proactive. While Mom was satisfied to leave the problem to God, Dad was the type who wanted to get out there and give God a hand.

More than once Mom would tell me "you're just like your father."
More than once I would mutter under my breath "Thank God!"

While I'm not as physical as Dad who once beat up a bully at work who had been terrorizing the smaller, weaker guys, I do tend to speak up when warranted.

On the first anniversary of Dad's death in 1998 I found myself at our state capitol addressing a committee about needs in educational technology.

Today I'm on my way to the capitol again. I've got something to say and I want my representatives to listen.

However, once again I'll be doing this with a heavy heart. Ironically, today is the second anniversary of my mother's death.

However, if I don't make my own waves, I'm going to be swamped by someone else's.

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MJREIMERS

Amen! Your Mom was a strong woman, in her own way, and it looks like you got a little of your Mom along with your Dad! They raised a great person!
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DAPHNE_RUNS

Wishing you luck on making waves.

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MERRYMARY42



I love a wave maker, me, I like to instigate, stand back and tap my foot,
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MNNICE



The world needs both types, I guess. We all need to pick our battles! Go fight yours proudly
and loudly!
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BOILHAM



So, your Dad beat up a bully, and now, you are proceeding to do likewise! Great, and yes, you
are "just like Dad".

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CD13252816



There is an old story of a young woman who was in a boat going through heavy waves. She
told the captain that she feared falling overboard and drowning. His advice to her was not to
struggle with the waves which would tire her out. He told her to lay on her back and raise her legs.
The water would carry her along until she was rescued. So make some waves but in the event you
are thrown overboard just lay back and let the water support you.



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SOUTH_FORK



... if you never fall in, you'll never learn to swim!



You're a born swimmer!
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SLENDERELLA61



Best wishes for the capitol experience you want! I admire that you know what is needed and
are going after it! Great that you recognize the strengths of both parents in you. I feel confident that
you will do a super job!!!

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CD8467616



Standing up to power is brilliant. I'm sure you will state your case well and affect some hearts
and minds. Good luck!

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CAKEMAKERMOM



If no one ever rocked the boat, then the waves would never reach the shore to change it.
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PRINCESSAMY



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WILSONWR



Good for you! How will things change we don't voice our opinions?!

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GINIEMIE



Go and speak up, I admire you. Actually I'm more like your mother-trying not to make waves,

but at times one can drown in those waves.



Sorry about your mom, I know from experience it can hurt for some time.



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CELIAMINER

May the words you need be there when you need them. Best wishes for a successful talk!
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SUZYMOBILE

You go! I'd love to know what it is you've got to say to them, too.
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NUOVAELLE

The world needs people like you and your father.
Go rock this boat and make the people who are aboard feel it.
Your parents would both be proud of you.



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DAISYBELL6

Go for it!
3056 days ago



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MISCHAKEO

Go for the waves and I hope the representatives listen to you.



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TORTOISE110

Oh, what a beautiful reflection and tribute to your parents. Like you, I carry both of them in my heart and mind. I love what you wrote here!
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WATERMELLEN

Make waves: the world needs it!!
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CD10259955

They would both be so proud of you; they'll be watching over you from heaven!! Speaking your



mind in a positive, constructive way is a great trait -

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COCK-ROBIN

Go for it!
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JSTETSER

Great philosophy to live by.
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You are great! Go get em!
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you go, girl!
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