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America need to crack glass ceiling

Although Hillary Clinton fell short for a second time in her effort to win the White House, ('Presidency proves a glass ceiling too high for Hillary Clinton', Irish Examiner, November 10), in her concession speech, she said, "Someday, someone will, and hopefully sooner than we might think right now."

That chapter in our nation's history remains to be written after 240 years when at the birth of our nation, Abigail Adams wrote to husband John at the Continental Congress: "I desire you would remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could."

Although Clinton won a plurality of the popular vote, she lost in the electoral college. Her graceful concession speech is a challenge for Mr Trump who pledges to be "president for all Americans" to rapidly take action to erase the sounds of the vulgar and divisive campaign rhetoric which frightens so many citizens of divergent ethnic, religious and gender diversity.

Mrs Clinton's legacy will be that of a valiant and patriotic woman who fought the good fight and laid down a marker for future generations who someday will achieve that to which she and Abigail aspired, gender equality. And we Americans might learn a lesson from the Irish who cracked the glass ceiling twice in electing their President.

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