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"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
 -- Shirley Chisholm, first African American woman elected to Congress

Steve,

Today marks 100 years since the 19th Amendment -- giving women the right to vote -- was ratified. Of course, it would be another half a century before that right was extended to include all women.

On this day, in addition to thinking about well-known women suffragists like Susan B. Anthony, I like to think of the African American women who were central to the suffrage movement to give every woman a fair shake in our democracy. Women like writer Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, community organizer Juno Frankie Pierce, and journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett. They championed suffrage *and* civil rights, paving the way for women like Shirley Chisholm, Kamala Harris, Eva Clayton, and myself to run for office.

Now, on this centennial anniversary, their dreams are fully realized with women of all backgrounds breaking barriers and running for office at an all-time high. [Chip in \\$19 today to commemorate the 19th Amendment, to help continue their legacy and make them proud.](#)

Warm regards,

Cynthia

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