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## A Celebration: 90 Years of Women Voting

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This week, we celebrated the 90th anniversary of a great victory for women and a radical and hard fought win for American democracy: women's suffrage -- the right to VOTE!

Sitting here in 2010, it's hard to imagine a time in American history during which women were not allowed to vote, especially as we watch women run for all levels of elected office. But as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of American women's right to vote, we, as men and women, must ask ourselves if we are honoring the plight of so many who came before us and fought for this most fundamental right. The sad reality is that in areas around the world, women and men are still

denied the right to vote and to squander this right and responsibility  
is not only an affront to them but also to those who fought so hard to  
ensure we have these freedoms today.

Therefore, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of women's suffrage  
there's clearly one thing to do: recommit yourselves to supporting the  
democratic process -- vote and teach your children the lessons of our  
history and the importance of civic participation.

-Liz