

A new dawn.....

November 4, 2008 will stand out in the memory of the nation as an epoch-making Super Tuesday in the 276 years of checkered history of the United States. Those of us who opted and were fortunate to proudly cast their ballot as well as those who simply witnessed it, could feel the sheer power of it. The true meaning of emancipation has finally dawned not only on blacks but for everyone else who can dream.

The meteoritic rise of a person of mixed heritage to the ultimate zenith - the presidency - of the most envied land on earth is a truly remarkable phenomenon, more so for us who came as aliens following their dreams and were embraced willingly by those who came before us or are from this soil.

To an immigrant that I am and millions more like me, this event reinforces the hallmark promise of America to generations. That if you believe in yourself, have the dedication, and work hard to follow your dreams, anything and everything is within your grasp.

If one finds and nurtures the passion to be somebody, dreams do come true. It is this passion that makes millions yearn to come to the shores of the US, where opportunities are plenty, and sky is the limit.

Also on November 4th, more than ever, it became clear why on December 1, 1955, Rosa Park sat down on the 'forbidden' seat in Montgomery, Alabama. She sat so that Dr. King could stand up with hope and another man of color could sprint to the White House with confidence.

Mr. Obama's ascent to the highest office in the country has revived the pride of being an American and has blurred the meaning of color. This is not a miracle: it is a Testament.

The light of God always reflects through His creations. Today it is through Obama. We are fortunate to have witnessed it. Overnight, he has become the President of the World, not only of the United States. Now, a rich world too has its own Nelson Mandela!

May God Bless OUR America.