

United States Postal Service 2000 Women's Conference
"Empowering Extraordinary Women in the New Millennium"
Friday, March 24, 2000
12:00 p.m.
Hinds Community College Eagle Ridge Conference Center

Good Afternoon.

I am pleased to be with you this afternoon and I appreciate the invitation to speak with you for just a few minutes.

The title of your conference is "Empowering Extraordinary Women in the New Millennium", which is very appropriate as we enter a new millennium and celebrate the month of March as Women's History Month.

I have had the opportunity to look through some

statistical information about women, I was amazed to learn that women represent almost half of the total national labor workforce. To me, that is an exciting statistic for our nation and for women.

Women have had some great accomplishments throughout history, the most important I believe is our change of mindset. It was not that long ago that women could not vote, were not supposed to work and were only supposed to take care of, and raise, the family.

It really is amazing to see where we, as women, have been, where we are today, and the path that we have taken to get there.

We have come a long way throughout history, and some people would still say that we have a long way to go; however, I choose to celebrate our advancements and I am pleased to do so with you here today.

Thank you for having me with you today. I know that you will enjoy the conference and the time you will spend looking for new and exciting ways to better your lives.