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Greetings!

I am proud to call you WOMAN.

With bated breath I sit meekly at the sidelines cheering you on.

You are the perfect example of change and what it entails.

You live without fear – challenging the master-minds and nay-sayers – taking each moment as your cue to move forward – in essence – capturing life and winning.

You are the salt and the light of our earth.

You represent the essence of life: you are our mothers, our sisters, our teachers, our mentors, our friends, our gentle critics and we believe in you. Take your places in this world with pride. You have moved onto major platforms; graced our political arenas; you are great doctors, lawyers, educators, nurses, authors and more; you are the voice for the unspoken; you are not ashamed to cry in moments of sadness or weakness and yes, your smile is ever present to cheer us on in Victory. We love and admire you.

Yes! My Good Woman – YOU HAVE WON!

To my late mother – may your memory linger on.

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