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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

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Women's Equality Day celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees all American women the right to vote.

The amendment changed federal law and the face of the American electorate forever.

Women's Equality Day is also about recognizing the contributions and achievements of others in their fight to be equal in other areas.

Do you know Marguerite Higgins? She was an American reporter and war correspondent. During her life, she covered World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In doing so, she advanced the role for female war correspondents. In 1951, she became the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for Foreign Correspondence for her coverage of the Korean War.

How about Dolores Huerta? She is one of the most influential Hispanic activists of the 20th Century. She has been arrested over 20 times for various peaceful demonstrations. Her accomplishments for both women and labor cannot be overstated. Her contributions have, and will, continue to directly impact American lives for the better.

And how about Jackie Mitchell? She was one of the first female pitchers in professional baseball history. She was 17-years-old when her baseball team, the Double-A Chattanooga Lookouts, played an exhibition game against the mighty New York Yankees in April 1931. Mitchell faced two dangerous sluggers in front of 4,000 fans. The first, a confident Babe Ruth, took a ball and then swung and missed on the next two pitches. Mitchell's fourth pitch was a called third strike. The mighty Ruth was out! The next batter was Lou Gehrig. He swung and missed three quick pitches.

Women's Equality Day reminds us to celebrate the women who came before, and the women today who are reimagining the rules and blazing a new path.
