

I've attended Democratic National Conventions since 1976.

Those were the days of President Jimmy Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale. But the 2012 DNC in Charlotte was the most energizing, exciting, emotional, encouraging and inclusive event I've ever attended.

Starting from day one, a day of faith (which included a service for all cultures and nationalities) to the grand finale – the acceptance speech by President Barack Obama – this year's convention was action packed with wonderful speakers, factual and relevant caucuses, as well as many opportunities to personally meet candidates and national leaders, including President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

DNC delegate reflects: Moving forward

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There were many highlights to the convention such as unexpected appearances of mayors, governors, legislators and even the First Lady at the many meetings and caucuses. The evening sessions included entertainers such as Mary J. Blige and James Taylor, a speech by Michelle Obama that blew the top off, a fireworks speech by former President Bill Clinton, an uplifting speech by Vice President Joe Biden and the most inspiring acceptance speech by our own President Obama. The only issue I wish had been addressed and acted upon more was the restrictive Voter ID laws which is near and dear to my heart because I actively participated in the Civil Rights and Right-to-Vote Marches in the 1960s. I sincerely pray that the momentum generated at the convention will be continued not only through Election Day – Nov. 6, but throughout the upcoming four years of victory. We're moving Forward.