



2005 Republican Freedom Calendar

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3 April 3, 1944 – U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Texas Democratic Party's "whites only" primary election system	4 April 4, 1887 – Republican Susanna Salter of Argonia, KS is first woman elected mayor in nation	5 April 5, 1839 – Birth of African-American U.S. Rep. Robert Smalls (R-SC), who escaped slavery by commandeering a Confederate gunboat	6 April 6, 1869 – Republican Ebenezer Bassett is first African-American presidential appointment, as President Ulysses Grant's Minister to Haiti	7 April 7, 1862 – President Lincoln concludes treaty with Britain for suppression of slave trade	8 April 8, 1865 – 13th Amendment banning slavery passed by U.S. Senate with 100% Republican support, 63% Democrat opposition	9 April 9, 1866 – Republican Congress overrides Democrat President Johnson's veto; Civil Rights Act of 1866, conferring rights of citizenship on African-Americans, becomes law
10 April 10, 1953 – Oveta Culp Hobby, appointed by President Eisenhower, confirmed as first woman to be U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare	11 April 11, 1908 – Birth of Republican Jane Bolin, first African-American woman in nation to serve as judge, appointed by New York Mayor LaGuardia in 1939	12 April 12, 1824 – Birth of African-American U.S. Rep. Richard Cain (R-SC); served 1873-75 and 1877-79, securing passage of civil rights legislation	13 April 13, 1933 – Birth of Native American U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)	14 April 14, 1896 – George Myers, nationally prominent African-American Republican, rallies southern blacks to support William McKinley, helping him win 1896 presidential nomination	15 April 15, 1929 – U.S. Rep. Oscar De Priest (R-IL) becomes first African-American in Congress since 1901	16 April 16, 1862 – President Lincoln signs bill abolishing slavery in District of Columbia; in Congress, 99% of Republicans vote yes, 83% of Democrats vote no
17 April 17, 1823 – Birth of Arkansas Republican Mifflin Gibbs, elected in 1873 as first African-American judge; later appointed by President William McKinley as Consul to Madagascar	18 April 18, 1920 – Minnesota's first-in-the-nation anti-lynching law, promoted by African-American Republican Nellie Francis, signed by Republican Gov. Jacob Preus	19 April 19, 1866 – Thousands assemble in Washington, DC to celebrate Republican Party's abolition of slavery	20 April 20, 1871 – Republican Congress enacts the Ku Klux Klan Act, outlawing Democratic Party-affiliated terrorist groups which oppressed African-Americans	21 April 21, 1926 – Death of George Murray, former slave who served as U.S. Rep. (R-SC) from 1893-97	22 April 22, 1981 – President Ronald Reagan establishes first annual Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust	23 April 23, 1971 – Republican appointee Herbert Choy becomes first Asian-American federal judge, named by President Richard Nixon to U.S. Court of Appeals
24 April 24, 1974 – James M. Rogers, Jr. is first African-American selected National Teacher of the Year, by President Richard Nixon	25 April 25, 1975 – Appointed by President Gerald Ford, Dick Yin Wong becomes first Asian-American to serve as judge on a U.S. District Court	26 April 26, 1999 – Legislation authored by U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI) awarding Congressional Gold Medal to civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is transmitted to President	27 April 27, 1822 – Birth of Republican President Ulysses Grant; championed and enforced Republican legislation to safeguard civil rights of African-Americans	28 April 28, 1971 – Rear Admiral Samuel Lee Gravely becomes first African-American to achieve Flag Rank in U.S. Navy, promoted by President Richard Nixon	29 April 29, 1877 – Death of Republican Gov. William Brownlow, who led fight for Tennessee's ratification of 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process and equal protection of the laws	30 April 30, 1862 – African-American Republicans in New Orleans establish <i>L'Union</i> , first African-American newspaper in South

"Discrimination against the negro race in this country is unjust, is unworthy of a high-minded people whose example should have a salutary influence in the world."

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"I believe the time will come when the sense of justice of this nation, when the enlightenment of this century, when the wisdom of our legislators, when the good feeling of the whole people will complete this grand work by lifting up out of degradation a race of men which has served long and faithfully by placing it, so far as the laws are concerned, upon an equal footing with all other classes. I have faith in this country."

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"We love freedom more, vastly more, than slavery; consequently we hope to keep clear of the Democrats!"

Rep. Joseph Rainey (R-SC),
the first African-American in the U.S. House of Representatives (1870-79)

