

Nina Turner, AfroAmerica Network Black Woman of 2012.



She is known as the “woman against voter suppression.” But also, the woman who drove the movement to get the President Barack Obama elected in the State of Ohio. Her name is “Nina Turner, Ohio State Senator who represents the 25th District.

Born on December 7, 1967, she is a true Ohioan. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, went to School in Ohio, first in Cuyahoga Community College, Tri-C, then attended Cleveland State University where she obtained a Masters of Arts Degree.

Senator Nina Turner is the epitome of American dream: born from teenage parents and determined to succeed, she went to public school, flipped burgers, worked in shoe stores and, with the help from the US Government, got student aid to go to college and was the first generation in her family to graduate from College. Incidentally, she current also teaches African-American history, U.S. history, urban studies and political science at Tri-C.

After graduation, she followed her calling: public service. She first became Cleveland City Council Representative, before becoming Ohio State Senator. She is Senate Minority Whip and the Ranking Member on the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. Her policies are concise: she is a liberal. She is pro-choice and opposes a ban on late-term abortions, pro collective bargaining for public employees, and against voter Photo ID laws.

According to Senator Tina Turner, her grandmother once told her that “she needed three things to be successful in life: a wishbone, a jawbone and a backbone. The first was for hoping and setting goals, the second for speaking out, and the third for persevering, no matter how tough the challenge.”

Senator Tina Turner exemplified the lesson during the 2012 US elections. She was instrumental in grassroots movements to get minorities and young people in Ohio to register to vote: she was the face of get up to vote initiatives and appeared in medias to rally support around the nation.



According to several political analytics, it is partially due to Senator Nina Turner’s unrelenting efforts that President Barack Obama was able to easily secure a win in the swing state of Ohio. The win in State of Ohio sealed the defeat of the Republican opponent.