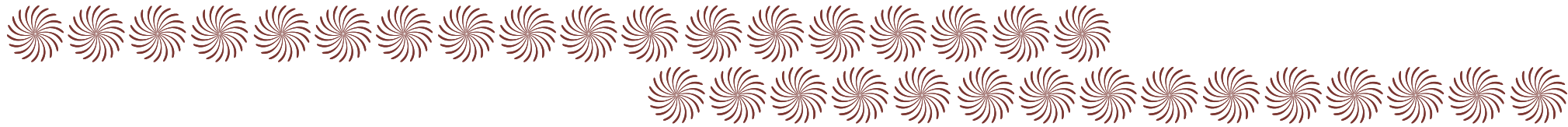


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EARLY YEARS

Bobby Jindal speaks of first generation immigrants with great respect because he has experienced the initial struggles of his parents in adjusting to alien culture while ensuring a balance between work and family. Bobby was born in Baton Rouge in 1971, shortly after his parents moved to the U.S. from Punjab. His father took a job as an engineer at Exxon so that Bobby's mother could earn a degree in nuclear physics at Louisiana State University.

"Bobby" and not Piyush- the source of the name became a well-known tale. At the age of four he dropped "Piyush" as his first name in favor of "Bobby" after a character on "The Brady Bunch." He was raised a Hindu but converted to Catholicism at Brown University. He enrolled at medical school but dropped plans to be a doctor after winning a Rhodes scholarship.

CAREER

A Graduate of Louisiana Public Schools Bobby went to Brown University and graduated with honors in biology and public policy. A high achiever and Rhodes scholar at Oxford University Bobby's academic background in health-care administration impressed Gov. Mike Foster. Foster named him to head the state's \$4 billion Department of Health and Hospitals.

During this period, Bobby not only imposed budget discipline but also rooted out fraud by which he was able to turn the state's \$400 million Medicaid deficit into a surplus.

Jindal, who represents a district in New Orleans, La., is the first Indian-American to win election to Congress in four decades. A former Bush administration appointee, Jindal narrowly lost a race for the Louisiana governorship in 2003.

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Healthcare remains one of Bobby's primary concerns. Now that he is elected to Congress Jindal is using his health-care expertise to devise ways to help the uninsured obtain health insurance. The way to do that, he says, is to work with the three-fourths of the uninsured who already have jobs. He proposes insurance pools in which small businesses can join together to get lower-cost premiums.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Brown University's "Top 100" alumni
- National Jefferson Award by the American Institute for Public Service for the Greatest Public Service by an Individual Thirty-Five Years or Under
- Christus Health Advocacy Award for Leadership
- Scholastic Update Top 10 Extraordinary Young American for Next Millennium
- National Association of Government Accountants Achievement of the Year Award for reforms at DHH
- Louisiana Association of Retarded Citizens Special Advocacy Award
- Baton Rouge Business Report's Top 40 Under 40
- Louisiana's Most Outstanding Young Man by the Junior Chamber of Commerce
- One of 20 persons in the country named to the All-USA First Academic Team by USA Today

FAMILY

Married for 6 years to Supriya, Bobby finds his family the very core of his existence. His daughter Selia Elizabeth and son Shaan Robert are his inspiration.

DIALOGUE

Books: Novels by Tom Clancy, also fond of biographies; a recent book on his nightstand was a biography of Cardinal John Henry Newman.

Inspiration: His father who made it big as a first generation in this country.

Music: A variety of music

Movies: Old classics

Sport: Tennis

Message to youth: Work hard and get involved in politics

Future: Work for the nation, mainly on health care issues