Black History Month

CELEBRATING HEROS

From our history textbooks and media, we are all familiar with trailblazing activists and figures like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman; nevertheless, there are a great deal more unsung heroes deserving of recognition, especially Black women. These symbols changed our nation and should be acknowledged for their accomplishments.



Claudette Colvin

In Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus, fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin did the same. Colvin was on the bus home from high school on March 2, 1955, when the driver gave her the order to give up her seat. Colvin was taken into custody by two police officers after she refused. Later, Colvin was the primary witness in the federal case Browder v. Gayle, which resulted in the abolition of segregation on Alabama's public transit system.



https://www.marieclaire.com/culture/news/g4431/black-history-month-unsung-heroes/

Shirley Chrisholm

In 1983, the first African American woman elected to Congress was Shirley Chisholm. Although she ran for the Democratic presidential candidacy in 1972, her career-long work on several Congressional committees has garnered her the most recognition. A strong politician, Chisholm has received recognition for her achievements in the political and scholarly spheres as well as for her symbolic significance in popular culture.



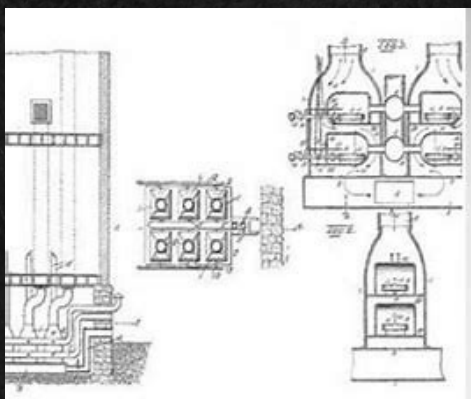
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Alice Parker

Alice H. Parker was a Black inventor in the early 20th-century, best known for patenting a central heating system that uses natural gas. Her invention played a key role in the development of the heating systems we have in our homes today.



https://lemelson.mit.edu/resources/alice-h-parker



Dorothy Height

Because of her extensive involvement in the civil rights movement, which started in the 1930s, Dorothy Height was dubbed the "Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement". Height participated in the planning of several movement events, including as the MLK March on Washington. In addition to becoming the president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), she was a fervent supporter of women's rights.



https://www.goodnet.org/articles/15-black-women-civil-rights-leaders-you-may-have-heard

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