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Ida Prettlo Musgrave:  
Unsung Heroes of the  
1960s Sit-Ins



On February 12, 1960, 13 African American students from St. Augustine and Shaw University were arrested on trespassing charges in Cameron Village in Raleigh, North Carolina. One of the student leaders was Ida Musgrave, 18. Patrolman C.J. Williams, one of the arresting officers said they were arrested when they failed to move from the sidewalk in front of Woolworth's Five and Ten after being ordered to leave by store officials.

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## Women's History Month: The Legacy of Greensboro's African American Women Who Served and Sacrificed for Social and Economic Justice

by Gboro-Times



Yvonne Johnson



Gladys Shipman



Katie Dorsett



Willena Cannon



Carolyn Coleman

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8,

This month, The Greensboro Times reflects on the often overlooked contributions of African American women in Greensboro. From Carolyn Coleman to Willena Cannon, Greensboro

had not acknowledged their contributions until recently. The political power African Americans have gained in Greensboro over the last 15 years has slowly changed that reality. Two examples to note, in 2021, the Greensboro City Council named the City Council Chamber, Katie Dorsett City Council Chamber. In July 2022, a Greensboro street was renamed to honor Carolyn Coleman, and in November 2026, the Barber Park Event Center was renamed the Yvonne J Johnson Event Center at Barber Park. Women's History

Month advocates wanted students, especially girls, and more specifically, in our opinion, little Black girls, to see Black women as leaders, innovators and change makers.

The month provides space to highlight women's achievements across race, class, nationality, and fields of work and to inspire conversation about representation and inclusion. We highlight the achievements of Yvonne Johnson, Gladys Shipman, Katie Dorsett, Willena Cannon and Carolyn Coleman.

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NOTESWomen History Month/Rosa Parks  
changed the worldby Chris Froust, Tri County  
Sentry, Publisher, Feb. 13, 2026

Oxnard—The 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day story continues with Keynote Speaker Dr. Gay Theresa Johnson, the Director of the Blum Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy at USCB (University of California, Santa Barbara). JOHNSON praised Rosa Parks, who stood up to people who insisted that she be in the rear of the bus and was arrested.

“You may do that, Parks said”, as told by Johnson. “She was part of the group of women who refused to give up their seats for over a decade.”

She said many people knew this day would come, and they were prepared for it.

“The organizing is already going on in southern churches, schools, and among workers and allies was already so robust that when the crossroads appeared, Black people were inspired enough and Black people were prepared enough, Black people were organized enough to maintain a boycott of Montgomery buses for an entire year.”

Johnson said they walked to work, they refused to ride, until the Supreme Court was compelled to rule that segregation in public trans-

portation was against the law.

“It’s in these crossroads that Martin Luther King Jr. steps fully into the light,” she said. “He too, was prepared for the crossroads. This we know, and the power and love in which we answered that call, and discernment of the elements of non-violence and peace, he had the fortitude to inspire all that concerned our community, dare I say.”

In the face of the most grievous racial violence, she asked what they will do now.

The situation we faced today might seem familiar, as “racist, sexist leaders.”

“These are leaders who are convicted pedophiles and rapists,” she said. “There are white supremacists who preach white nationalism without reserve, who ban our books, and compare our influencers to our ancestors who died for their freedom too. There are leaders who take away our healthcare, and our rights to education, healthcare, reproductive freedom and leaders who try to demoralize us, and make us witness to some of the most deplorable, cruel, and disruptive behavior you can imagine.”

She believes their ancestors will remind them that the people are no match for their courage.

“They are no match,” she said to the cheering crowd. “They’re no match for the brilliance of our traditions and the beauty in our hearts. They would remind us that what they formed makes our humanity possible.”

She said their track record is tyranny and oppression, while their track record is courage in the face of it.

“When their track record is corruption and cruelty, our greatest legacy is our refusal to give up, despite the crossroads we have faced,” she said. “We should be grateful of what our ancestors remind us of, and to remind us that gratitude turns into enough and more.”

“It turns denial into acceptance, and chaos into order.”

“It turns confusion into clarity, and can turn a meal into a feast, and it will turn a stranger into a friend.”

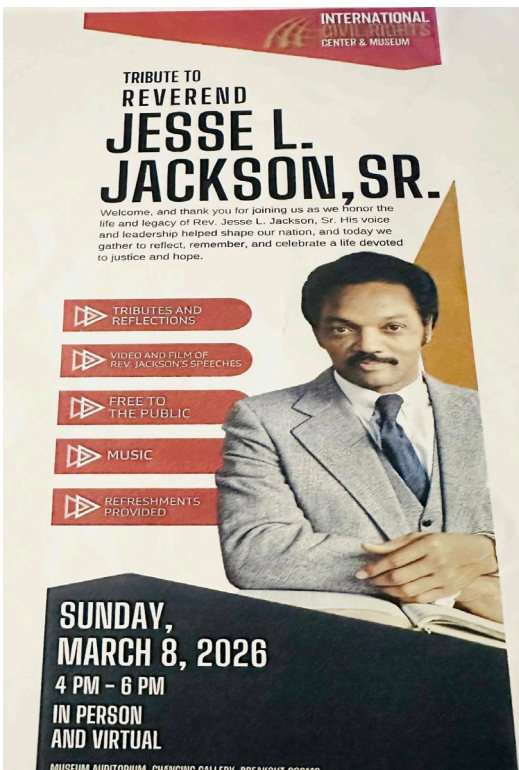
“It makes sense of our past, and creates a vision for tomorrow,” she said. “We are on that bus.”

# Kamala Harris, Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Barack Obama, Jill Biden and Joe Biden Attended Rev. Jesse Jackson's Funeral in Chicago

March 6, 2026



L/R) Former US vice president Kamala Harris, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former president Bill Clinton, former president Barack Obama, former first lady Jill Biden and former president Joe Biden attend a public memorial service to celebrate the life of civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson in Chicago, Illinois, on March 6, 2026. Veteran US civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson, one of the nation's most influential Black voices, died peacefully on February 17, 2026 at the age of 84. Jackson, a Baptist minister, had been a civil rights leader since the 1960s, when he marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and helped fundraise for the cause. (Photo by Kamil Krzaczynski / AFP via Getty Images)



Greensboro City Councilwoman, Crystal Black make remarks on the legacy and historic impact of Rev. Jesse Jackson on justice and Civil Rights



Reflections: Lewis Brandon



Deena Hayes, Co-Chair, ICRM



Remarks: Gerry McCants  
GSO Business League



Dr. Teresa Hardie  
Pres. Bennett College



Remarks: NC Senator  
Gladys Robbinson



Welcome: John Swaine,  
CEO, ICRM



Reflections: Rev.  
Gregory Drumwright



Remarks: Luke Wallace  
Pres. Omega Phi Psi

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### Yvonne Johnson

Yvonne Johnson was the first African American elected Mayor of the City of Greensboro. Johnson's commitment to social and economic justice began as a student at Bennett College, where she participated in the Greensboro sit-in demonstrations of the early 1960s that challenged segregation at Greensboro downtown lunch counters. For her activism, she was arrested and incarcerated for three days, an early testament to her willingness to risk her freedom for equality. She also marched in the 1963 March on Washington, aligning herself with a national movement demanding jobs and justice. Johnson graduated from Bennett College in 1964 and later earned a master's degree in guidance counseling from North Carolina A&T State University, strengthening her focus on youth empowerment. In 1982, she became Executive Director of the Greensboro nonprofit One Step Further, leading mediation and court-alternative programs for youth while facilitating workshops on diversity and racism—bringing movement values into community institutions.

### Gladys Shipman

Gladys Shipman was a civil rights trailblazer and North Carolina businesswoman. Shipman was the first woman to serve as President of the Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP. As one of the original board members of the International Civil Rights Center & museum, she worked tirelessly to make sure the lunch counter, where she protested segregation in the 1960 Sit-In Move-

ment, would serve as a place for education and truth for generations to come. Her fight for equality and social justice continued through her life serving on a number of boards and councils while also receiving note worthy civil rights awards, including the prestigious Medgar W. Evers Award from the Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute.



(L-R) BJ Covington, Bishop William Barber, and Gladys Shipman

Shipman also received the Alston/Jones International Civil and Human Rights Award and the NCA&T Hall of Fame Honorary Award of Excellence. Shipman's effort to end racial discrimination extended to the workplace. Building her business literally from scratch, she developed the largest minority homecare provider company in the State of North Carolina, Shipman Family Homecare Incorporated, starting the flagship business in Greensboro in 1986.

### Katie Dorsett

Katie Dorsett broke barriers in 1982 as the first African American elected to the Greensboro City Council, marking a pivotal moment in the city's political history. She later served as a Guilford County Commissioner and as a North Carolina State Senator from 2003 to 2010, where she sponsored legislation supporting the High Point Furniture Market, the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historic Site, and the International Civil Rights Center and Museum—linking economic development with historical preservation. The youngest of eight children born to a Mississippi farmer and his school-teacher wife. Dorsett and all of her siblings attended college thanks to their parents' sacrifices during the era of segregation. At Alcorn State University, a historically Black college, she majored in business and education, graduating at age 20 before earning a graduate degree in business education from Indiana University at a time when Black students were barred from predominantly white universities in Mississippi. She received her doctorate in business administration from the University of North Carolina Greensboro in 1975 and taught business at North Carolina A&T State University for more than three decades, from 1955 to 1987, while also serving as a community volunteer with organizations such as the YWCA and the Drug Action Council where she was president. Decades before she ran for elected office she organized her neighborhood to protect their quality of life and property rights.

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Greensboro mayor Yvonne Johnson (left) meets members of the General Assembly as they greeted each other as they arrived in Greensboro, NC on Thursday, May 22, 2008 to celebrate the city's 200th anniversary. (L to R) Yvonne Johnson, Katie Dorsett - NC Senate, Earl Jones - NC House of Representatives, Alma Adams - NC House of Representatives and Maggie Jeffus - NC House of Representatives. House and Senate members gathered at N.C. A&T's Harrison Auditorium for the ceremonial session to observe this month's bicentennial of the state's third largest city. Lawmakers passed a resolution honoring the city.(names and location CQ by jw) (Jerry Wolford / News-Record)

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## Willena Cannon

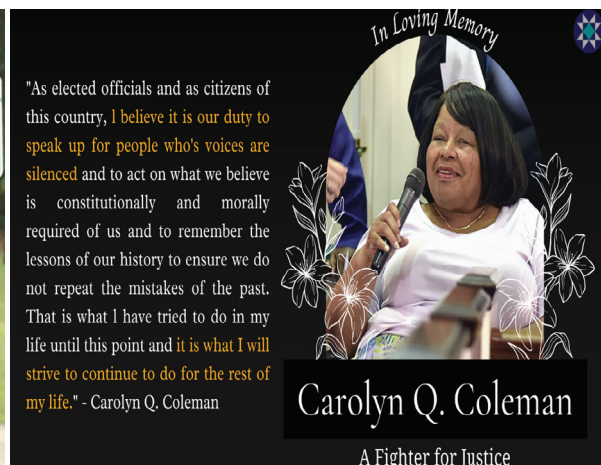


Willena Cannon was a dedicated activist in civil rights, labor rights, and housing issues whose contributions significantly impacted the quality of life in Greensboro for future generations. She tirelessly advocated for justice and community change. Her activism placed her at a pivotal moment in Greensboro's history. Cannon participated in the Woolworth's protest in the 1960s Sit-Ins, challenging racial segregation of a "white only" lunch counter. She would later be involved in many movements advocating for civil rights, workers' rights and social justice. In 1979, Cannon was involved with the Workers Viewpoint organiza-

tion working for textile workers' and other labor workers' rights for a decent wage and workplace safety. The Workers Viewpoint organized a rally in Greensboro against the racist domestic terrorist organizations, the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party in Greensboro on November 3, 1979. The event was later known as the Greensboro Massacre. The rally ended when members of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi Party drove by in pick-up trucks, stopped and existed the trucks and ambushed the rally participants and killed five of the demonstrators. The domestic terrorists targeted the leaders of the rally organizers. Cannon was not

injured. Despite surviving the tragic Greensboro Massacre of 1979, Cannon continued to work and protest injustice. She was arrested 19 times over her lifetime. Additionally, she worked with Greensboro Healthy Homes Division, focusing on improving housing conditions for families across the City of Greensboro. She worked on substandard housing and environmental health hazards such as lead paint exposure, earning her national recognition among healthy housing advocates. Cannon was a true trailblazer and freedom fighter who was compassionate for the plight of the poor and loved her people.

## Carolyn Coleman



Carolyn Coleman has been a civil rights activist since the 1960s, grounding her public service in the long freedom struggle for racial justice. A native of Savannah, Georgia, and a graduate of Savannah State University, she carried Southern Black political traditions into her leadership in North Carolina. On March 16, 1960, Coleman and three other students, inspired by the Greensboro Sit-In a month earlier, staged a Sit-In at the whites-only Levy's department store in downtown Savannah. They stepped into the store shopping before entering the segregated Azalea Room. The server ordered them to leave, but they attempted to order anyway. The police hauled them to jail, where they sang "We shall

overcome" Coleman told the Savannah Morning news." We were very familiar with what had happened to Emmett Till, a 14-year-old student who was killed in Mississippi for allegedly whistling at a White girl across the street. While we thought we were safe in Savannah, we knew that anything could happen." In response, Black leaders including Hosea Williams organized a boycott of city businesses and led voter registration drives that brought changes to city government. Seven months later, Savannah repealed its ordinance requiring segregated lunch counters. The boycott continued until all facilities were desegregated in October 1963. Carolyn Coleman worked as State Field Director of the North Carolina NAACP and served national

governance including serving on the NAACP National Board of Directors and served as the Secretary of the NAACP National Board of Directors. In 2005, she made history as the first African American woman to serve as Chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, breaking both racial and gender barriers in Guilford County government. Prior to that milestone, she served as special assistant to former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt, gaining executive-level experience in state policymaking. Coleman's career reflects a consistent dedication to expanding political representation, economic fairness, and accountable governance for historically marginalized communities.

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# The Shout-Out Line

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Good morning, G-times, is MAGA in trouble. If the Sam Page, Phil Berger race for the State Senate is any indication, I think they are. Phil Berger's ads featuring Donald Trump endorsing his state Senate race filled the television airways for weeks. Sam Page only ran about 10% of ads compared to Berger and Page's ads only ran the last week of the campaign and were very few. If you weren't watching TV on just an average or normal schedule, you wouldn't know Page had run any ads at all. Page won the election. It was close, but a win is a win. I know it was Republican on Republican, but what does this say about Trump and MAGA inside the Republican Party in North Carolina. Are they having a Civil-War inside the Party? Time will tell.

## Shout-Out

Hello, you know, sometimes change is needed and is a good thing. Case in point, Greensboro City Council. Over half of the Council is new, and younger than the past Council and somewhat represents a new generation. They have demonstrated so far that they are thoughtful, analytical, do their homework and are committed to serving the interest and priorities of their Greensboro constituents. One example of them taking care of small things that matter quite a bit to citizens who come downtown to shop or to eat or for entertainment, the Council is addressing parking concerns. After a series of downtown walks and talking to business owners and residents who live downtown, they are making changes. The changes include: Parking on city owned lots and on street parking spaces that will be free starting at 5:00 pm on weekdays and continue to be free on weekends, making more widely known the first hour of parking in city parking decks is free until 7:00 pm Monday through Friday and all parking decks are free on Sundays, just to name a few changes they will be making to make it easier for people to enjoy downtown. Great job so far, sometimes change is a good. Take care of the little things, and some of the big things will take care of itself....."

## Shout-Out

Hello, Just a reminder to folk out there. In 4 years, Joe Biden and the Democrats took the complete disaster of an economy that Trump left after his first term and transformed it into the "envy of the world." The United States economy recovered from the pandemic faster than any other country. 16 million jobs were created, including 800,000 new manufacturing jobs. This was done through investment in infrastructure, new technologies and clean energy. Investment in the U.S. was booming, our farmers didn't need a \$14 billion bailout, wages were rising and inflation was falling for two straight years. The minute Trump took office inflation started to rise. Soon after, 15,000 farms went bankrupt, home foreclosures spiked, and over 20 million Americans could no longer afford health insurance. The US Supreme Court has ruled that the Trump tariffs were illegal, but he's going to move ahead with them any way, and now we're in an unjustified War. Us Black folk were the only demographic group of Americans that got their vote right in the 2024 Presidential election. Donald Trump is destroying America.

## Shout-Out

What up? G-Times, you know Black people are made of something this country can't comprehend.... They've been underestimating us since slavery... at this point it's an advantage !

## Shout-Out

Hello, good news Greensboro, Zach Matheny is stepping down as President and CEO of Downtown Greensboro Inc. (DGI.). To some of your readers who may not know, DGI promotes and supports downtown businesses, residents and organizations. Matheny leaving the job as CEO should have occurred some time ago. During his tenure, numerous Downtown businesses have closed. DGI provided very little help, planning or strategies for financial or marketing support to substantially improve downtown businesses financial health and stability. Strategies to boost and make financial sustainable those downtown businesses on the edge of financial collapse was virtually non-existent. Many of the events he suggested as achievements existed and were doing well before he took the reigns as CEO of DGI. Fun Fourth and the holiday Christmas parade are two events that come to mind. There were downtown critics who questioned Matheny's accountability, transparency and inclusivity. There were serious questions regarding conflict of interest serving as a City Council Member and DGI receiving funds from the city. He never nourished a good relationship with the leadership of the Civil Rights Museum, the number one tourist visited location downtown. Matheny is an example of a WEI hire, White Exclusive Inclusion.

## Shout-Out

Good morning, G-Times, Why when a person say that they blessed people look at ones circumstances to make that determination. Why can't a person be blessed because of what the Creator has brought them through and never forsaken them. Its' not always about what you have. Brothers and sisters, stay focused, stay prayed and keep God first only. Keep a positive vibe around you always. Peace and love.

## Publisher's View



Earl Jones, Publisher  
The Greensboro Times

### Back To The Future, from Vietnam to Iran: End US/Iran War Now



Samantha Madar, Columbus Dispatch Via USA TODAY



Jovanny Hernandez, Milwaukee Journal

On October 23, 1968, I received a letter from the Selective Service Board to inform me of my military draft status. I received a 2S classification deferment that exempted me from military service until I completed my college education. I was reclassified three years later just as the Vietnam War was ending and was not drafted. The Vietnam War was the War of my generation.

The decision by Donald Trump, without Congressional approval, to launch military action against Iran on February 28, 2026—an operation widely referred to as Operation Epic Fury—has plunged the United States into a dangerous and unnecessary war. It is a conflict born not from clear national necessity but from political choice. The war lacks defined objectives, has minimal international support, and threatens to spiral into yet another costly American entanglement in the Middle East.

At the heart of the problem is the absence of a clear strategic goal. What exactly is the United States trying to accomplish? Administration officials have offered shifting answers: destroying Iran's nuclear capability, weakening the Iranian military, deterring regional aggression, or even encouraging regime change.

The tragedy is that war replaced diplomacy that had already proven effective. Under Barack Obama, the United States and international partners negotiated the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), a framework that limited Iran's nuclear program and subjected it to international inspection. The agreement was not perfect, but it worked: inspectors monitored Iranian facilities, uranium enrichment was restricted, and the world had a verifiable mechanism to prevent a nuclear escalation.

By abandoning that diplomatic framework and opting instead for

confrontation, Trump replaced containment with chaos. War has now become the instrument of policy where diplomacy once succeeded.

Equally troubling is the lack of international legitimacy. Major conflicts in the modern era have typically required broad alliances. During the 1991 Gulf War, Secretary of State, Colin Powell assembled a large multinational coalition before launching military operations. In the current conflict, Trump's incompetence, threats, lies and deceit make such support thin or nonexistent.

Without international backing, the United States carries the burden alone—politically, militarily, and economically.

The economic consequences are already being felt. The conflict has disrupted global shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the most important energy corridors on earth. A significant portion of the world's oil supply passes through this narrow waterway.

Greensboro families are already feeling the effects at the gas pump. Higher oil prices translate into higher transportation costs, higher food prices, and broader economic strain.

Yet, the most dangerous phase of the conflict may still lie ahead. Air strikes and missile attacks are one thing; a ground war with Iran is something else entirely.

Iran is not Iraq in 2003 or Afghanistan in 2001. It is a large nation of more than 80 million people, with a powerful military, sophisticated missile forces, and difficult mountainous terrain that favors homeland defenders. Trump just deployed an additional 5,000 troops.

History offers a warning. The United States entered both Iraq and Afghanistan believing victory would be swift and decisive. Instead, those wars dragged on for decades, costing trillions of dollars and thousands of

American lives while destabilizing entire regions.

A ground invasion of Iran would almost certainly be worse.

Iran has the ability to mobilize large conventional forces and irregular militias across the region. U.S. troops would face not only Iranian soldiers but proxy forces operating throughout the Middle East. Supply lines would be vulnerable, American bases would become targets, as they are now.

The United States would not be entering a short campaign. It would be stepping into another generational war. The War of my generation was the Vietnam War, and it lasted for nine years, from 1964 to 1973.

The central question, therefore, remains unanswered: What is the endgame?

If the goal is nuclear containment, diplomacy once achieved that objective without firing a single missile.

The lesson of modern American history should be clear. Wars are easy to start but extraordinarily difficult to end.

Before this conflict expands further—before American soldiers are sent into Iranian territory, the United States must reconsider its course. Diplomacy, negotiation, and international engagement remain the only realistic paths toward long-term stability.

Launching Operation Epic Fury may have been politically dramatic. But without a clear strategy, broad international support, or a credible path to peace, it risks becoming yet another chapter in America's long history of wars since World War II, that should never have been fought.

Back to the future to repeat the mistake of Vietnam and subsequent conflicts is not a path to victory. This unprovoked, illegal, unconstitutional war must stop now.

## Public Notice

### Call for Section 5310 Transit Projects

The Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has issued a call for projects for **Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Special Needs**. Applicants may include GTA, TAMS, PART and eligible non-profit organizations. Application forms are available at [www.guampo.org](http://www.guampo.org). Completed applications are due by **April 11, 2026**.

- An estimated \$374,737 is anticipated to be available to support operating costs for qualifying transit services.
- Actual available funding will be determined once final FTA FY 2026 funding apportionments are issued.

Candidate projects will be considered for funding by the Transportation Advisory Committee on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 2:00 PM**. The meeting will be held online. For more information, visit [www.guampo.org](http://www.guampo.org).

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## Civil Rights Museum Tribute to Jesse Jackson, March 8, 2026 from page 3

### Purpose

Earl Jones - Co-Founder, International Civil Rights Center and Museum

For more than half a century, Jesse Jackson has stood as a powerful voice for justice, equality, and human dignity. From his early work with the Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to founding the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Reverend Jackson has helped shape movements for voting rights, economic opportunity, and political empowerment.

His historic presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 expanded the vision of American democracy and inspired millions to believe that their voices mattered. Through faith, courage, and unwavering commitment, Reverend Jackson has challenged the nation to live up to its highest ideals.

Today we honor not only his leadership, but the enduring legacy of hope, justice, and collective progress that his life's work represents.

# TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JESSE L. JACKSON, SR.

Welcome, and thank you for joining us as we honor the life and legacy of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. His voice and leadership helped shape our nation, and today we gather to reflect, remember, and celebrate a life devoted to justice and hope.



Reflections: Hurley Derriksen, ICRCM Board



Reflections: Pam Stubbs



Reflections: Doug Harris ICRCM Board



Rev Jesse Jackson and Family, May 29, 2021



(LR) Rev. Jesse Jackson and Jacqueline Jackson and Adri-Anne Jones and Earl Jones, ICRCM, May 29, 2021.

## Musgrave: Unsung Heroes from page 1

He said the students were given two minutes to vacate the area. Three other officers assisted patrolman Williams who had called for a paddy wagon to transport the students to the Wake County Jail. Hours later Bond of \$50.00 was being posted for the students by several Black Business owners. Officers said the students offered no resistance and were very orderly.

Meanwhile Fayetteville Street was visited by other Black students on the third day of the Sit-In strike.

Two stores, McLellan's and Woolworth's, had re-opened their lunch counters for business but closed approximately an hour after Blacks took seats at the counters.

At Woolworth's some 30 students took seats at the counter. The number slowly decreased as the youths moved to other stores.

At McLellan's, as seats were roped off, a Black youth asked for a cup of coffee.

"We have no coffee, a store official replied.

As the student persisted, the store employee said: "you're illegally in the store. I'm going to ask you to leave."

The students then left the store. However, the exit was barred for two students by several white youths.

A one of Blacks said "excuse me please." And tried to get out the door jostled and brushed against a white

woman standing nearby. "Get off me, nigger!" she yelled. "I don't take that." "Yeah, she's a lady a- white lady," echoed one of the youths. Another blew smoke in the Black student's face and said "wait just a minute, you nigger," before permitting the Black student to leave.

Ida Musgrave is one of many unsung heroes throughout the nation who help break the back of Jim Crow segregation.

Musgrave is a retired school teacher. She taught in the New Jersey School System for 30 years. As a retiree she continues to volunteer and inspire the younger generation to succeed in life.

# Hundreds Gather In Nation's Capital For 15th Annual Black Women's Roundtable Women of Power National Summit

The 15th annual Black Women's Roundtable Women of Power National Summit brought together Black women leaders from nearly 20 states.

by Jeroslyn JoVonn



Hundreds of Black women leaders from across the country recently gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 15th annual Black Women's Roundtable Women of Power National Summit, coming together to advance policy change, community organizing, wellness, and empowerment.

Held March 11-15 across Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia, the Women's History Month event brought together Black women leaders from nearly 20 states under the theme "United We Win: Freedom, Justice, Democracy, Safety & Opportunity for All," The Grio reports. The summit featured influential voices, including elected officials such as Sen. Angela Alsobrooks, as well as organizers and professionals across sectors.

"There's no sadness in this place — we come together and have joy," said Melanie Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP). "It's our way of celebrating Women's History Month by bringing

together Black women leaders from across the country."

"Our theme is 'United We Win,'" she added. "People leave these five days feeling more encouraged that whatever obstacles are in the way can be overcome, and how important it is that we overcome them together."

Organized by the NCBCP and its Black Women's Roundtable initiative, this year's summit arrived at a pivotal moment as many Black women navigate economic uncertainty, workplace barriers, and ongoing concerns around civil rights and voting access. Designed to offer both strategy and support, the event centered on sparking meaningful conversations to strengthen leadership pipelines, boost entrepreneurship, and expand civic engagement. Attendees also met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill and participated in sessions focused on education, health, and community resilience.

"We focused on issues around freedom, democracy and justice, but also empowerment and quality of life," Campbell said, noting this

year's focus on issues ranging from equal pay and barriers in health-care to voting rights and the state of American democracy. "We're also concerned about rights we believe have been eroded and what we must do collectively to protect them."

Organizers also highlighted the economic power of Black women—who account for \$1.7 trillion in annual consumer spending—and stressed the importance of using that influence to uplift communities through entrepreneurship and collective investment. The summit also featured a marketplace spotlighting Black women entrepreneurs, leadership awards, wellness programming, faith-based gatherings, and an intergenerational leadership track for young Black girls focused on mentorship and skill-building.

"We are very determined about exercising our power as Black women," Campbell said. "Politically, we have power. We know we help drive the Black vote."



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# New Rev. Prince Edward Graves recovery center opens in Greensboro for long-term treatment

by Marcel Francis (edited)



On Thursday, Feb. 12, Guilford County held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house to celebrate the completion of the renovation of the Reverend Prince Edward Graves Recovery and Treatment Center. Officials present included NC State Representative Amos Quick, Guilford County Board Chair Melvin "Skip" Alston, Rev. Prince Graves family members and other government officials.

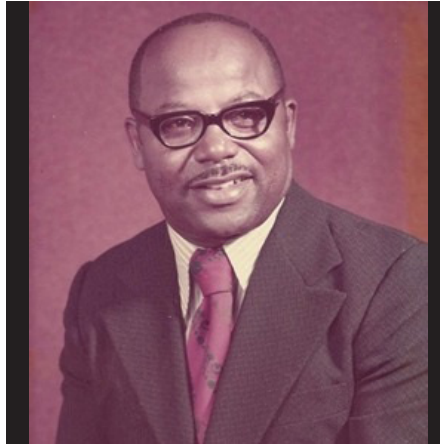
A new long-term recovery and treatment center opened last month in Greensboro, marking what Guilford County leaders described as a major shift in how the county addresses homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges.

The Reverend Prince Edward Graves Recovery and Treatment Center, located on Lees Chapel Road, is designed to provide extended treatment services for people experiencing homelessness who are also battling substance use disorders and mental health conditions. County leaders said the facility moves beyond short-term stabilization programs and instead focuses on long-term recovery aimed at lasting stability.

Officials said many existing recovery programs last only three to four weeks, which they say is often not enough time for someone dealing with addiction, trauma, and untreated mental illness to fully stabilize. The new center will accept patients transferred from short-term treatment facilities and allow them to remain in care longer, giving them time to address underlying mental health needs, receive counseling, and develop a plan for reintegration into the community.

Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston said many people experiencing homelessness once had stable lives before addiction or mental health struggles upended them. "Most of those folks had a trade before they got caught up in drugs, they had a mental problem, they lost their job, lost their home, lost their

family, now they are sleeping on the street. How can we help them get back to where they were?" Alston said.



Rev. Prince G. Graves

The facility is named for the Rev. Prince Edward Graves, a longtime Greensboro pastor and community advocate who worked with underserved and vulnerable populations. County officials said naming the center after Graves reflects his commitment to helping people rebuild their lives and get second chances.

Guilford County invested nearly \$10 million in the project, including renovations to convert a former assisted living facility into a recovery-focused campus. The center will initially serve about 32 residents, with plans to expand. At full capacity, leaders estimate it could serve about 60 individuals at a time.

County officials estimate more than 600 individuals are currently experiencing homelessness in Guilford County, underscoring what leaders described as the need for additional long-term treatment facilities.

Alston said investing in treatment could reduce long-term public costs tied to incarceration, hospitalizations, and repeated emergency responses.

"Pay me now or pay me later, either we support them while they're in jail, okay, or we support them while they are in hospitals, or we support them when they are basically sleeping out on the street, and we're having to send people out there in order to help them," Alston said.

County leaders said the center's services include long-term substance use treatment; individual and group mental health counseling; on-site medical care; medication management; dedicated caseworkers assigned to each client; frequent follow-ups during and after treatment; job readiness and employment assistance; help securing permanent housing; and transportation services. Officials said clients will receive coordinated care, including support for people coming from hospitals, jails, or outreach programs on the streets, with the goal of reducing repeat crises and breaking the cycle of homelessness.





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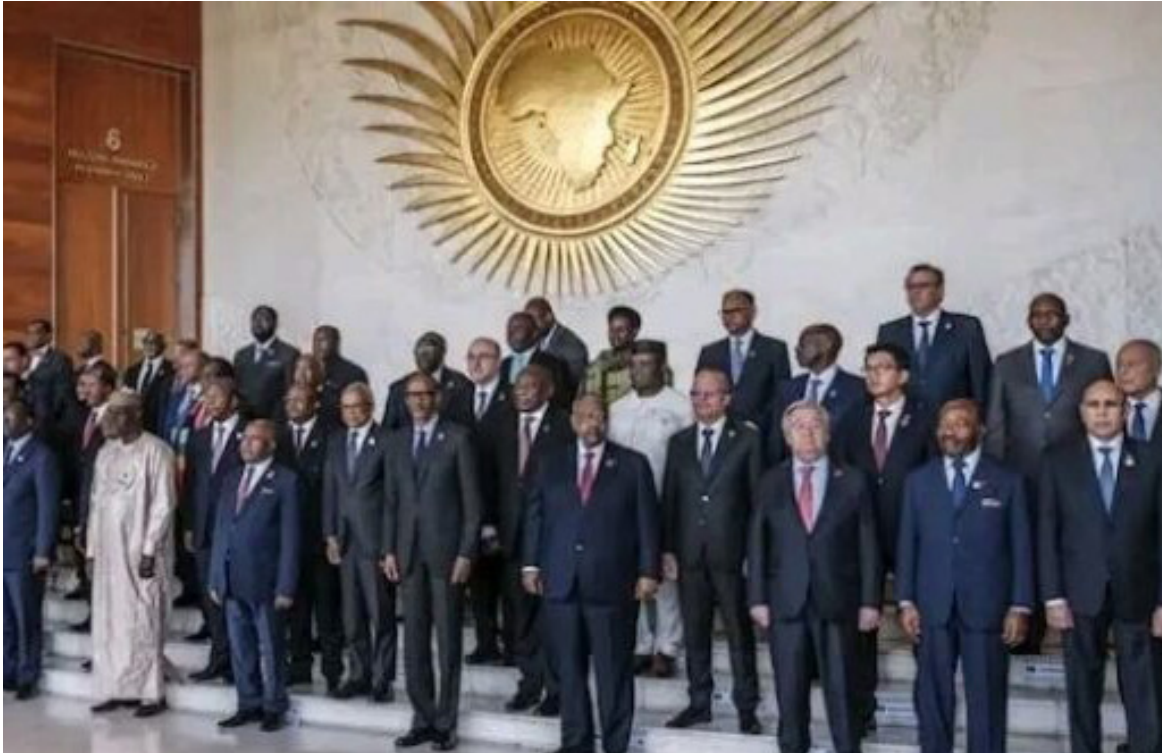
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# African Union adopts landmark resolution on slavery, colonialism, and reparatory justice

By The Peoples Dispatch - March 10, 2026



African heads of state adopted a historic resolution recognizing slavery, deportation, and colonialism as crimes against humanity, marking a major step in Africa's long-running struggle for historical justice and reparatory redress.

The decision was taken at the conclusion of two days of high-level deliberations during the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union, held at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from February 14-15.

Leaders considered a comprehensive study examining the legal and moral implications of describing colonization as a crime against humanity and certain acts committed during the era of slavery, deportation, and colonial rule as genocide against African peoples.

In its final communiqué, the Assembly reiterated the centrality of historical justice, truth-telling, remembrance, and reparatory justice, while reaffirming the need to preserve the dignity of African peoples and peoples of African descent globally.

Mahama to table resolution at UN General Assembly

A central outcome of the summit was the adoption of a draft resolution to be presented to the United Nations General Assembly in March. The resolution seeks global recognition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade as the gravest crime against humanity.

The initiative is being championed by John Dramani Mahama, in

his capacity as the African Union Champion for Advancing the Cause of Justice and the Payment of Reparations. Addressing the Assembly, Mahama described the adoption of the resolution as a moment long awaited by people of African descent worldwide.

"All peoples of African descent have been waiting for this day. The truth cannot be buried. The legal foundations are sound; the moral imperative is undeniable," he said.

The draft resolution, first announced during the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly in September 2025, represents the culmination of sustained continental efforts to elevate Africa's reparations agenda within the international system.

Building continental mechanisms for reparations

President Mahama reported significant progress in establishing institutional mechanisms to advance reparatory justice. These include the AU Coordination Team on Reparations, the AU Committee of Experts on Reparations, and a Reference Group of Legal Experts tasked with developing legal strategies and frameworks.

He described the AU's designation of 2025 as the Year of Justice for Africans through Reparations as "a historic turning point" not just symbolic, but a strategic and international commitment by the continent.

Member states were urged to establish national reparations commissions, engage formally with

historical perpetrator states, and support the proposed Decade of Reparations to ensure continuity beyond the commemorative year.

"Reparatory justice will not be handed to us. Like political independence, it must be asserted, pursued, and secured through determination and unity," Mahama declared.

The momentum builds on earlier continental actions, including resolutions adopted in 2025 that formally recognized slavery and colonialism as genocides and crimes against humanity. These positions were reinforced at a December 1, 2025, conference in Algiers, Algeria, where African leaders, diplomats, and scholars examined the crimes of colonialism and their enduring legacies.

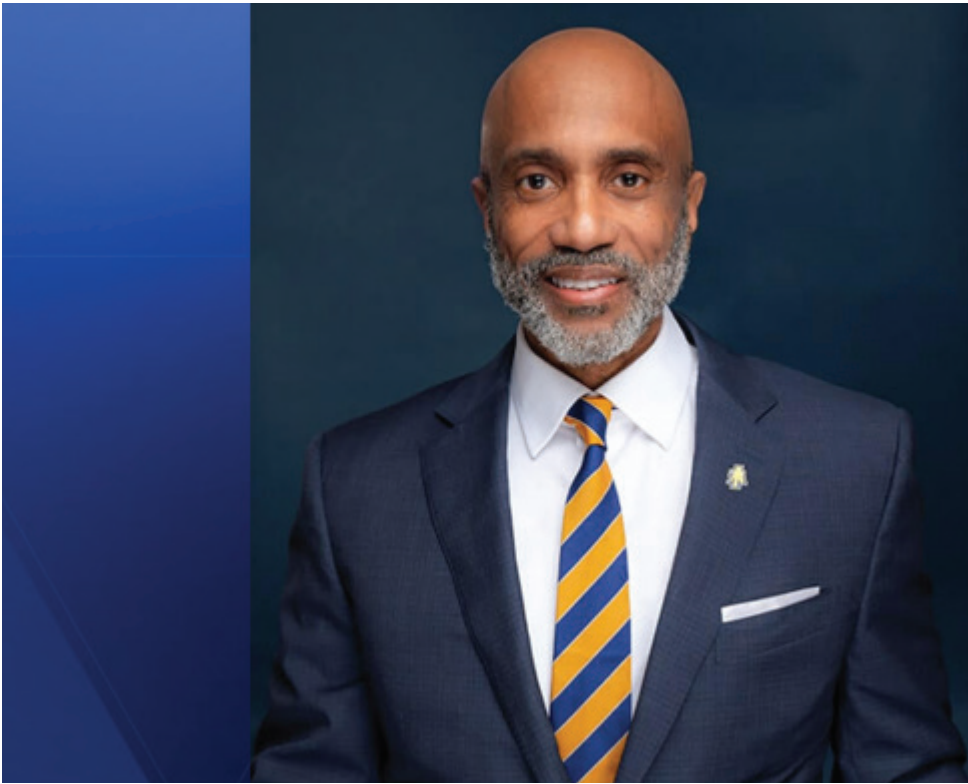
Alongside the reparations agenda, the assembly also considered the Report of the Commission on the Situation in Palestine. African leaders reiterated the union's solidarity with Palestine and reaffirmed support for a just, lasting, and comprehensive solution in line with international law and relevant UN resolutions.

The March presentation of the AU-backed resolution to the UN General Assembly is expected to mark a key moment in the continental campaign for global recognition and redress of historical injustices against African peoples.

Calling on Africa's current leadership to rise to the moment, Mahama urged that this generation be "remembered not for hesitation, but for courage in advancing justice, restoring dignity, securing restitution, and shaping a future grounded in truth."

# NC A&T holds 135th Founders Day celebration and installs its 13th chancellor James Martin II

Story by Bethany Cates and Michael Pardee •



North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University celebrated the 135th anniversary of its founding on Monday while formally installing Chancellor James R. Martin II during a ceremony on campus.

It was a packed Harrison Auditorium for the ceremony. Martin, selected in 2024 as the university's 13th chancellor, took office later that fall.

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"They chose a leader with a brilliant mind, unquestionable integrity, relentless drive, and a commitment to excellence," said Wallace

Means Martin's lifelong friend and N.C. A & T Alumnus.

Additionally, Greensboro Mayor Marikay Abuzuaiter attended the ceremony giving remarks on Martin's hard work for the institution.

"This signals an inspiring future not only for this great institution but for the world as well," said Abuzuaiter.

Martin has focused on expanding partnerships with government agencies and corporations, improving university operations, and building a new leadership team that includes several vice chancellors and deans.

"We're stronger in the success of our students, we're stronger in research, stronger in impact stronger in possibility and opportunity," said

Chancellor James Martin II.

The installation ceremony coincides with the university's annual Founders Day celebration, marking March 9, 1891, when the North Carolina General Assembly established the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the Colored Race.

"North Carolina A&T is and always will be defined by the people we include, and we'll continue to celebrate that," said Martin.

John Oliver Crosby was elected as the school's first president May 25, 1892, and the Greensboro campus opened the following year.

The university commemorates its founding each year with a Founders Day Convocation honoring its history and growth.

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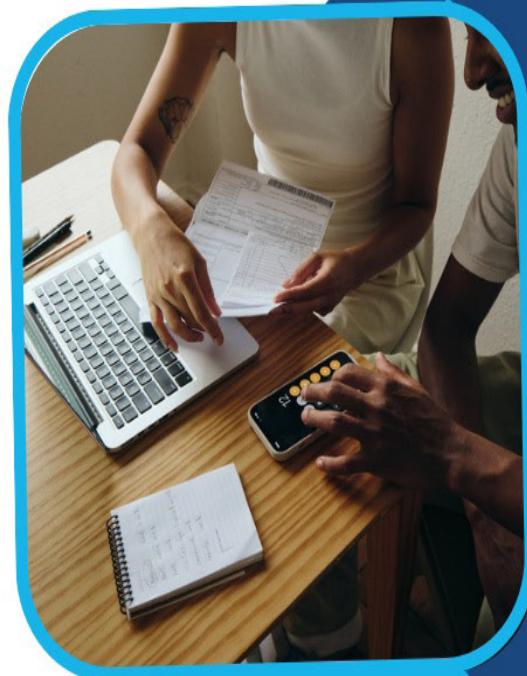
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