

# Celebrating Black History Month 2010



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## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin\\_Luther\\_King,\\_Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.)

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights movement. His main legacy was to secure progress on civil rights in the United States, and he has become a human rights icon: King is recognized as a martyr by two Christian churches. A Baptist minister, King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he raised public consciousness of the civil rights movement and established himself as one of the greatest orators in U.S. history.

## OLIVER HILL

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver\\_Hill](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_Hill)

**Oliver White Hill, Sr.** (May 1, 1907 – August 5, 2007) was a civil rights attorney from Richmond, Virginia. His work against racial discrimination helped end the doctrine of "separate but equal." He also helped win landmark legal decisions involving equality in pay for black teachers, access to school buses, voting rights, jury selection, and employment protection. He retired in 1998 after practicing law for almost 60 years. Among his numerous awards is the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Bill Clinton in 1999.

## THURGOOD MARSHALL

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thurgood\\_Marshall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thurgood_Marshall)

**Thurgood Marshall** (July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993) was an American jurist and the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Before becoming a judge, he was a lawyer who was best remembered for his high success rate in arguing before the Supreme Court and for the victory in *Brown v. Board of Education*. He was nominated to the court by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967.

## JULIAN BOND

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian\\_Bond](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_Bond)

**Horace Julian Bond**, (born January 14, 1940) is an American social activist and leader in the American Civil Rights Movement, politician, professor and writer. While a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, during the early 1960s, he helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Bond was elected to both houses of the Georgia Legislature, where he served a total of twenty years. He has been chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since 1998.

## SEN. BOBBY SCOTT

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby\\_Scott\\_\(U.S.\\_politician\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby_Scott_(U.S._politician))

**Robert Cortez "Bobby" Scott** (born April 30, 1947) is a Democratic politician from the Commonwealth of Virginia, currently representing the state's 3rd congressional district in the United States House of Representatives. The district takes in most of Richmond, along with parts of Norfolk, Hampton and Scott's home in Newport News.

## SEN. YVONNE B. MILLER

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yvonne\\_B.\\_Miller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yvonne_B._Miller)

**Yvonne Bond Miller** (born July 4, 1934, in Edenton, North Carolina) is an American politician. A Democrat, she served in the Virginia House of Delegates 1984–87 after which she was elected to the Senate of Virginia. She was the first African-American woman to serve in each house. She currently represents the 5th district, made up of parts of the cities of Norfolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Miller is currently the longest serving woman in the Virginia Senate, ranking 4th in overall seniority. In 1996, she became the first woman to chair a Senate committee.

## CHARLES HOUSTON

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Hamilton\\_Houston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Hamilton_Houston)

**Charles Hamilton Houston** (September 3, 1895 – April 22, 1950) was an African American lawyer, Dean of Howard University Law School and NAACP Litigation Director who played a significant role in dismantling the Jim Crow laws and trained future Supreme Court justice Thurgood Marshall.

## SAM TUCKER

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel\\_Wilbert\\_Tucker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Wilbert_Tucker)

**Samuel Wilbert Tucker** (June 18, 1913 – October 19, 1990) was an American lawyer and a cooperating attorney with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As a founding partner in the Richmond, Virginia firm of Hill, Tucker and Marsh, he is best remembered for one of his several civil rights cases before the Supreme Court of the United States: *Green v. County School Board of New Kent County*.

## SEN. LOUISE LUCAS

<http://www.movingvirginiaforward.com/senator/Lucas>

**Senator L. Louise Lucas**, a Portsmouth native was elected to the Virginia General Assembly in November 1991 and continues to serve the citizens of the 18th Senatorial District on multiple Committees. Senator L. Louise Lucas has been involved in social, civic and political activities most of her adult life and has served in elective office for 25 years (1984-Present).

## HORACE PIPPIN

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace\\_Pippin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Pippin)

**Horace Pippin** (February 22, 1888 – July 6, 1946) was born in West Chester, PA. He completed his first painting at 43 years of age. After spending 14 months in the trenches during World War I, Horace Pippin was wounded in his right shoulder, and his arm was considered useless. However, using his left hand to prop up his right, he began to paint and in three years had completed his first painting, "End of the War: Starting Home."

## MAHALIA JACKSON

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalia\\_Jackson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahalia_Jackson)

**Mahalia Jackson** (October 26, 1911 – January 27, 1972) was an African-American gospel singer. With her powerful, distinct voice, Mahalia Jackson became one of the most influential gospel singers in the world and is the first Queen of Gospel Music.