March is Women’s History Month

Constance Baker Motley

Civil rights lawyer who became the first Black woman to serve as a federal judge
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Amelia Boynton Robinson

Her famous photo at Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL, helped galvanize the civil rights movement
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Whitney M. Young

Civil rights leader who spent most of his career working to abolish discrimination against blacks and the poor.
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Eunice Hunton Carter

Social worker; first Black woman to serve as assistant district attorney; led the largest prosecution of organized crime in U.S. history
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Constance Baker Motley
First Black woman to argue before the Supreme Court
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Jeannette Rankin

Social worker; First woman elected to the U.S. Congress and to a national legislature in any western democracy.
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Fannie Lou Hamer

Riveted viewers at the 1964 Democratic National Convention
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Jane Bolin

First Black woman judge in the United States
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Frances Perkins

Social worker; First woman to be appointed to the cabinet of a U.S. President. Served as Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Secretary of Labor
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Bessie Coleman

First Black woman to become a pilot
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Sister Rosetta Tharpe
First guitar heroine of rock & roll
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Inabel Burns Lindsay

First Dean of the Howard University School of Social Work, established in 1945
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Mahalia Jackson
American gospel singer; One of the most influential vocalists of the 20th century
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Ella Josephine Baker

Behind-the-scenes civil and human rights activist, organizer
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Harry Lloyd Hopkins

Social worker; close advisor to Franklin D. Roosevelt. One of the principal architects of the New Deal
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Diane Nash
Activist, leader, strategist of the Civil Rights Movement’s student wing
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Claudette Colvin

Pre-Rosa Parks, arrested at 15 for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white woman.
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Jane Addams

Won worldwide recognition during the early twentieth century as a pioneer social worker in America, a feminist, and an internationalist.
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Mamie Till Bradley

Educator, activist, mother of Emmett Till, 15, murdered in Mississippi for offending a white woman
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Anne Moody
Author; Activist who participated in the Mississippi lunch sit-in
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Dorothy Irene Height

Best known for her leadership at the YWCA and National Council of Negro Women
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Addie L. Wyatt

First Black woman elected international vice president of a major labor union
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Dorothy Cotton
Activist; Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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Lester Blackwell Granger

Introduced civil rights to the social work agenda as a national and international issue
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Prathia Hall
Activist; Key inspiration for Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech
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Zelda Wynn Valdes

First black fashion designer to open her own shop