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A Tribute to Black History Month

As we wrap up Black History Month 2024, let's put an exclamation point on its importance and its influence, not only during February but all year long. As a tribute to both its importance and its influence, here is a quick history lesson and some leadership inspiration from some of our wonderful Black leaders.

First, the history lesson. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History, launched Negro History Week in February 1926. Woodson chose February because the month coincides with the birthdays of two great Americans who played a role in shaping Black history. Those two were Frederick Douglass, famed abolitionist, who was born on February 14, and President Abraham Lincoln, who was born on February 12. It has now become Black History Month.

Yes, it is almost 100 years old!

Now the inspiration. The tradition of this month is further energized by great leaders who have inspired us, and who continue to inspire us with their wisdom and insight. Let's celebrate a few of them as we reflect upon their quotes:

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.
Booker T. Washington

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.
Muhammad Ali

I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul.
Nelson Mandela

You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.
Rosa Parks

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let's be informed and inspired this week, and each week hereafter!

Have a great week!

