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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Feb. 19, 2021



This week, in honor of Black History Month, let's take a moment to remember three women who made a lasting impact on our state and nation. These trailblazing women are members of the Florida Women's Hall of Fame—a signature project of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women—which is housed under my office.

During Black History Month, we should all reflect on the experiences and successes of Black Americans whose contributions not only shaped our great state for the better, but also our nation.

The remarkable impacts of the lives of some of Florida's hall-of-fame women should continue to be honored and celebrated.

On special display in our state capitol, you will find plaques celebrating the inspiring lives of women like Zora Neale Hurston, Mary McLeod Bethune and Mildred Wilborn Gildersleeve.

Known for her classic novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, [Zora Neale Hurston's](#) work depicted life in the Black south and secured her place as one of the most influential writers of her time.

[Mary McLeod Bethune](#), for whom Bethune-Cookman University is named, pioneered a space for Black excellence in education when educational resources were limited.

And [Mildred Wilborn Gildersleeve](#), one of the most distinguished medical practitioners in Palm

Beach County, helped set the stage for African American women to grow and thrive within the medical field.

These courageous women stood and fought for equality and justice, served as role models and paved the way for countless others to follow in their footsteps.

I am so incredibly proud to highlight these leaders and honor their legacy. They certainly changed the course of history and improved the lives of others. This Black History Month, may their example inspire us all to seek and be part of a better tomorrow—building a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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