## FEBRUARY - On this date in African-American History

1 1902 - born Langston Hughes 1978 - Harriet Tubman African American Heritage Stamp issued	2 1807 - Congress bans foreign slave trade.	3 1956 - Autherine Lucy becomes first African- American student enrolled at the University of Alabama.	4 1913 - born Rosa Parks 2005 - died Ossie Davis	5 1934 - born Hank Aaron	6 1867 - Robert Tanner Jackson becomes first African American to receive a degree in dentistry. 1993 - died Arthur Ashe	7 1883 - born Ragtime pianist and composer Hubie Blake 1926 - Negro History Week is established by Carter G. Woodson.
8 1968 - Three South Carolina State students killed during segregation protest in Orangeburg, S.C.	9 1944 - born Pulitzer Prize winning author, Alice Walker 1964 - Arthur Ashe, Jr. becomes first African American on U.S. Davis Cup team. 1995 - Bernard Harris becomes first African- American astronaut to walk in space	10 1927 - born Opera singer Leontyne Price 1989 - Ronald H. Brown is elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee. 2007 - Barack Obama announces his candidacy for President of the United States	11 1990 - after 27 years in prison, Nelson Mandela is released	12 1909 - NAACP founded in New York City. 1990 - Judge Allyson K. Duncan becomes first African-American woman appointed to N.C. appellate court	13 1970 - Joseph L. Searles becomes first African- American member of the New York Stock Exchange.	14 1760 - born Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 1817 - born Frederick Douglass 1879 - B.K. Bruce of Mississippi becomes first African American to preside over U.S. Senate.
15 1965 - died Nat King Cole 1968 Henry Lewis becomes first African- American conductor of a symphony orchestra	16 1874 - Frederick Douglass elected president of Freedman's Bank and Trust. 1923 - Bessie Smith records Down Hearted Blues	17 1902 - born Marion Anderson 1923 - Bessie Smith made her first recording	18 1688 - Quakers file first formal protest against slavery 1931 - born Toni Morrison	19 1940: The American singer Smokey Robinson (of Smokey Robinson and the Miracles) was born	20 1895 - died Frederick Douglas 1927- born Sidney Poitier 1934 - Four Saints in Three Acts, by Virgil Thompson and Gertrude Stein, first African- American- performed opera on Broadway.	21 1965 - died Malcolm X is assassinated in New York.
22 1989 - Col. Frederick Gregory was the first African American to command a space shuttle mission.	23 1868 - born W.E.B. Dubois	24 1811 - Rev. Daniel A. Payne becomes first African American to become a college president 1867 - Howard University is chartered by Congress	25 1853 - First African- American YMCA organized in Washington, D.C. 1991 - died Adrienne Mitchell, first African- American woman to die in combat (Persian Gulf War)	26 1965 - died Civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson was shot by state police in Marion, Ala.	27 1872 - Charlotte Ray becomes first African- American woman lawyer graduate from Howard University Law School 1902 - born Marian Anderson 1988 - Debi Thomas becomes first African- American figure skater to win an Olympic medal	28 1984- Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards for his critical and commercially successful album, "Thriller which still remains one of the top-grossing albums of all time.
29 1892 - born Sculptor Augusta Savage	30	31				