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# TWIN MDs BATTLE ENTRENCHED RACISM IN THE MEDICAL WORLD

By LINDSEY TANNER

The inseparable sisters always stood out — identical twins from Twinsburg, Ohio, whip-smart students from the side of town with unpaved streets and no sidewalks, excluded from the gifted track because they were Black.

Their friends were white and a classmate's comment still stings: "I don't even think of you as Black." I said, "Thank you." And I felt pride," Brittani James recalls, shuddering.

"I believed we were special. I believed other people in our neighborhood weren't as good as us," she said.

The twins were indeed special — they won free rides to the Ivy League, earned medical degrees at prestigious universities, and have thrived in a profession where they are vastly outnumbered by virtue of their skin color.

But their mission now is to dismantle the entrenched bigotry behind that classmate's backhanded remark.

At 33, James and her twin, Brandi Jackson, have taken on the medical establishment in pioneering work to



Dr. Brittani James, left, and her twin sister Dr. Brandi Jackson stand for a portrait in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago, Sunday, May 2, 2021. The identical twin doctors who have fought bigotry all their lives have a lofty new mission: dismantling racism in medicine. (AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

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## Mrs. Eva Partee McMillan Celebrated Her Centennial Birthday with Family and Freinds



Mrs. McMillan is affectionately called **Mama Mac** a deviation of **Mama Mcmilitant** as she was referred during her years of community activism and community service.

On Friday, May 7, 2021, the children of Eva Partee McMillan hosted their mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in pandemic

protocol style to over 100 guests. The celebration was held at Cortland Bryan Place where they reside. The event was a

come and go walk into the outdoors courtyard where guests waved and gave their wishes to Mrs. McMillan as she sat in the second-floor balcony area. Mrs. McMillan is affectionately called **Mama Mac** a deviation of **Mama Mcmilitant** as she was referred during her years of community activism and community service. She was attended throughout the three hour celebration by some of her grand and great grandchildren.

African drumming was performed throughout the event. The celebration opened with libations in memory of ancestors.

Family, friends and community members spoke to her using a microphone; threw kisses to her and waved at her. Her daughter, Katherine McMillan gave a tribute to her, son, Ernest read an original birthday poem and daughter, Jacqueline Hill read a poem in memory of their mother's twin sister, Neva Partee. Daughter, Karen McMillan resides in the Atlanta, Georgia area. "Ode to Matriarch Eva" was read by one of the granddaughters. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson presented

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# Black Civil War Regiment Honored in Detroit

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



“You will never overcome anything that you are not willing to confront. And I think that what these men did when they confronted racism, they confronted white supremacy head-on. They won,” said Senator Coleman Young II. (Photo: **Detroit Historical Society Facebook Page**)

Officials in Detroit have unveiled the 102nd United States Colored Troop Memorial Highway, honoring the heroic African American Infantry Regiment formed during the Civil War in 1863.

The dedication of a portion of I-375 took place at the same spot where the regiment was first organized.

“You will never overcome anything that you are not willing to confront. And I think that what these men did when they confronted racism, they confronted white supremacy head-on. They won,” said former city lawmaker Senator Coleman Young II during the ceremony.

According to the Detroit Historical Society, the 1,400-person troop – which included 845 escaped slaves, were initially called the Corps d’Afrique by the Detroit Free Press.

After forming, they became the 102nd United States Colored Infantry.

“The regiment was made entirely of volunteers from Canada and Detroit that were formed through Detroit’s Black leaders’ efforts,” historians noted.

“In all, about 1,400 Black soldiers enlisted, and of these, 1,000 had

been born in slave states. Raised at Camp Ward, the troops were commanded by White officers, paid no bounty, and allotted ten dollars per month with one ration per day, while three dollars of their monthly pay was deducted for clothing.”

The regiment saw service in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida during several civil war engagements.

They fought Confederate forces throughout November 1864, engaging at Honey Hill, Tillifany, and Deveaux Neck.

“Their bravery was shown on multiple occasions, such as Gorhamsville, when they repulsed an enemy charge and countercharged, for which they received official commendations from their officers,” Detroit Historical Society officials noted.

These officers said that “The artillery from the expedition suffered severely from the enemy’s fire, so many horses being killed that two guns had to be abandoned, but the men of the First hauled them off by hand, and they were saved.”

Later, according to historians, the regiment served in South Carolina.

In February 1865, they were reunited at Pocatalligo and launched several Confederate territory expeditions, destroying railroads and breast-works.

They then built defenses in Charleston and were sent to Savannah, Georgia.

The regiment was divided into two wings, made several raids, and defeated the Confederate forces in every skirmish.

It was serving in this capacity that they received the news that Generals Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston had surrendered.

“The history of our 102nd is a pride for our entire nation. The fact that this is a unit that was born here in Detroit, Michigan, is a pride our entire state,” said Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist.

According to the local Fox 2 News Channel, the resolution to rename the highway was first-authored by Young, the former lawmaker.

“To name that and have people drive past that, especially since we are honoring colored troops on a freeway that was built to drive through Black neighborhoods. I think that history is also very important for us to realize,” Young remarked.

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## Texas ending mask mandates in schools starting in June

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday that public schools must end mask requirements starting in June and ordered Texas’ cities and counties to drop nearly all face covering mandates by the end of the week.

The announcement does not affect businesses, which can still require customers or workers to wear masks. But the change amounts to the

biggest rollbacks of Texas’ COVID-19 safeguards since Abbott ended a statewide mask mandate in March.

The move comes as virus cases and deaths continue plunging in Texas, and as the COVID-19 vaccine is now available to children as young as 12 years old. Public hospitals, jails and state-supported living centers will still be allowed to require masks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week said people who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask indoors or outdoors and can stop social distancing in most places. Masks are still recommended for the remainder of the school year, but Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC director, said on “Fox News Sunday” that her agency is working on guidance for the fall.

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her with the U.S House of Representatives Congressional Record resolution. A County resolution from Commissioner John Wiley Price was presented and one of her great grandson’s read the resolution. A letter from President Joe Biden was also presented and read to her. There was a gallery of photos of she and twin sister, Neva, now deceased, posted on easels in the Courtyard. The event was livestreamed by a videographer as well as one of the granddaughters.

The celebration was well attended and guests wore masks and social distanced. Mrs. McMillan enjoys her four children, ten grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren and looks forward to celebrating 101 next year.

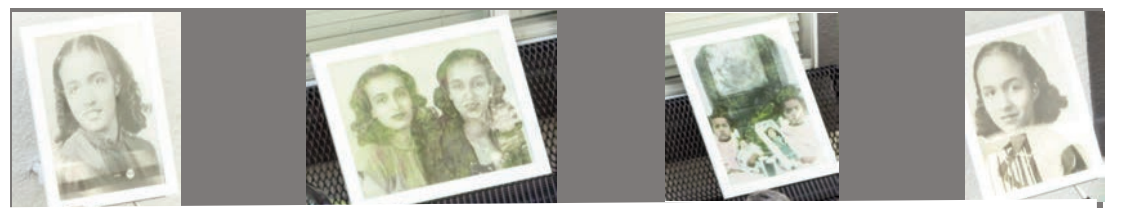
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Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson presented a birthday milestone resolution that was entered into the U.S. House of Representative Congressional Record.



Mrs. McMillan and children. Son, Ernest McMillan is holding photo of sister Karen, who resides in Atlanta Georgia.



Guests in crowd



Granddaughter Bahati Osoke and a dear friend, Mrs. Nepha Love



Guest in crowd waving at the guest of honor



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## “My Truth” Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!

By Cheryl Smith



**Cheryl Smith**  
Publisher of I Messenger Media, and Texas Metro News

I talked to one of my mother’s best friends over the weekend. I always check on her and a few others because they now get the Mother’s Day calls that I can’t make to my mother. Virginia is really sweet. While there are other friends who she has known since she was a teenager, Virginia is someone she met and they would hang out together for decades until my mother’s passing in 2014. Earline and Virginia went to church at the historic New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. They attended events with other senior citizens, were active in the National Council of Negro Women and the NAACP branches, and they had their regular therapy sessions at the casinos in Atlantic City.

Virginia even traveled with my mother to Dallas for the Don’t Believe the Hype Celebrity Bowl-a-

thon around 2000. Then after Mother relocated to Dallas in 2012, Virginia returned to Dallas to spend quality time with her. They were friends til the end. I thank Virginia for being a friend to my mother and I will cherish and respect her forever. You see, I’m so glad that I have friends of my mother who I respect and can talk to. Her friends help me, especially during those times when all I can do is breathe heavily and say a prayer.

**Which brings me my truth.**

About 29 years ago, Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price introduced me to Vera English. A very stylish woman, Vera was an entrepreneur. The owner of Pink Palace, a beauty salon in Oak Cliff, Vera has won numerous hair competitions and when I need my hair/scalp taken care of, I go see her. But then again, I go see her for more than hair treatment. Vera, much like my mother’s friend, Virginia, is a source of inspiration, support, guidance and love. She speaks truth to power, and more importantly, truth to my heart. I don’t worry about whether or

not she is telling the truth or whether she has a hidden agenda, or an ulterior motive. I know that Vera is the real deal. Like my mother and Virginia, Vera loves to dress! She loves to be color-coordinated and yes, she can top off the most stylish outfit with a hat. That hat or headpiece notwithstanding, Vera always made sure that should it blow off your head, the hairstyle underneath was just as glamorous and appealing.

Going to the Pink Palace was an escape for me, a place to go to get away from the hustle and bustle of the world. Sure we would have discussions about the troubles of the world, but it was also a place that gave new meaning to the phrase, “let your hair down.” The Pink Palace was the “no judgement” zone, where women and some men could share thoughts and offer advice, without condemnation or vicious attacks. Sure there were the discussions about politics, education, and world peace. And we talked about raising children, caring for parents, relationships and more. But for some reason, the people who came to Pink Palace

and engaged in conversations came with a positive spirit and a respectful tongue. Maybe it was because of the leadership of Vera. Although small in stature, probably standing 4 feet 4 inches in those stiletto heels she loved to strut around in, Vera seemed almost larger than life.

Okay I may be exaggerating. But she is short! With a big heart. And her heart and infinite wisdom has kept my head level many a time. You see, Vera is quiet and unassuming. And while she does not appear to carry a big punch, her actions and demeanor command and receive respect and reverence. She doesn’t have to raise her voice to get your attention. A word to the wise should be sufficient and if you don’t take heed with Vera; it’s all on you because you are definitely operating at a deficit and could end up in a very bad situation. I thank Vera for being my friend, my confidante, my light at the end of a sometimes dark tunnel. I’m talking about unconditional love. A mother’s love. Find someone to share love with, especial-

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Rev. Alfred Walker to serve as Community Regional Minister for Reconciliation and Anti-Racism, localized and providing core regional services to South Central Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Rev. Walker is currently serving as the Senior Minister of Bonnie View Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. He has also served as Staff Chaplain with Baylor Scott & White Health. Before uniting with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Rev. Walker had significant pastoral experience with Baptist Churches, most recently with the New Hope Baptist Church in Dallas Texas. He is an honorably discharged Navy Veteran, loving husband and father. Both Rev. Walker and the search committee chair, Rev. Philip Dukes, spoke of the sense of calling Rev. Walker feels for this ministry. We rejoice in this new calling and look forward to the Lord’s work.

### Texas joins states ending extra \$300 in weekly jobless aid

(AP Photo/LM Otero, File)

Austin, Texas (AP) — Texas on Monday joined the growing number of states that will stop paying the federally funded \$300 in extra pandemic-related weekly unemployment aid as businesses that scaled back or shuttered during the pandemic are reopening.

The extra benefits in Texas will end June 26, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott said in a letter to the Biden administration. He joins at least a dozen other governors, all Republicans, who are opting out of the additional federal unemployment benefits this summer.

The money is part of President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion stimulus measure approved in March and is set to expire in September. But business groups urged Abbott to opt out early, arguing it was hampering the Texas economy’s rebound.

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## "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"

ST. JOHN 15: 17-27

### CHRIST STRENGTHENS HIS DISCIPLES

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

What a unique transition that takes place in the passage before us in relation to the previous passage. In the former passage (St. John 15:7-16), our blessed Lord had been talking to and of His own; now He is discussing the world. The chief or principal discussion in this passage is the world's enormous hatred against Christ and His people. Christ had discussed that His disciples are His

friends; now He discusses the fact that the world is the enemy of both Himself and His friends, the disciples.

There was no occasion in the gospels wherein the Apostles were met with persecution while the Lord was with them. However, Jesus warns His own that they will experience the world's hostility! It is indeed noteworthy that in verse 17 that our Lord repeated the com-

mand that believers love one another (St. John 13:34). Certainly, God wants believers to exercise love one toward another, for the world already hates you. In verse 18, Christ is preparing His own, admonishing them that they will incur hostility from the world just as He did. As believers in this present age, we must be on alert that our association with the name of Christ will arouse the

world's enmity against us! In view of this fact, our Lord explains in verse 19 the reason for the world's enormous enmity against His own: "The reason is that He chose them out of the world."

Every child of God will experience the world's enormous hatred because the mark of being His disciple dictates that he will share in Christ's experience of being hated (v. 20). In other words, if you are His disciple, you must share in His sufferings. Perhaps, one of the most important reasons why the world hates Christ's disciples is given in

verse 21: "the disciples represent Him....they bear His name."

In Jesus' first advent, He absolutely revealed God to mankind. Prior to His awesome coming, the world might have pleaded ignorance as a basis for their sin; however, now that "the Light" (St. John 8:12) has come, they have been rendered excuseless! If they reject "the Light of the world" they have no excuse. Furthermore, God's revelation through His Son is so connected - to hate the Son is to hate God Himself (v. 23)! The enormous guilt of Israel is seen in verse 24, for

Israel was privileged to witness the works of Christ, yet she rejected them. However, the Lord testified in verse 25 that His disciples would incur the world's hatred of Him as evidence of the scripture being fulfilled (Psalm 35:19; Psalm 69:4). In view of the opposition which Christ's disciples would face, He comforts them, promising the presence of the Holy Spirit (v. 26). With the Holy Spirit's enablement, the disciples will bear testimony of Christ in view of the world's enormous hatred of Christ and His own (v. 27).

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## Ex-prosecutor disbarred after wrongful convictions in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas County prosecutor has surrendered his law license after the State Bar of Texas said he withheld evidence that led to the wrongful convictions of two men who spent 14 years in prison in the fatal stabbing of a pastor.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Richard E. “Rick” Jackson surrendered his law license last month. The State Bar concluded that he failed to inform Dennis Allen and Stanley Mozee’s defense attorneys about evidence that could have cleared them at their capital murder trials in 2000.

“This case is not about someone disbarred for making a mistake or a prosecutor who accidentally or even sloppily failed to turn over favorable evidence,” Nina Morrison, a lawyer with the Innocence Project in New York who worked to clear Allen and Mozee,

told the newspaper.

“This is someone who repeatedly and intentionally hid favorable evidence from two defendants who were on trial for their lives.”

Allen and Mozee had been sentenced to life in prison in the slaying of the Rev. Jesse Borns Jr., who was stabbed 47 times at his leather and wood-working store in 1999.

Allen and Mozee were freed from prison in 2014 after the Dallas County district attorney’s office said they were wrongfully convicted based on prosecutorial misconduct.

They were declared innocent five years later after DNA testing helped clear them.

The district attorney’s office under former DA Craig Watkins had reopened the file and found evidence that defense lawyers said they’d never received, such as accounts from witnesses who saw two

men arguing with Borns outside the store the evening he was killed. Witnesses said one man was distinctly taller than the other and one had a noticeable scar across the side of his neck. Allen and Mozee are about the same height, around 6 feet. Neither had a scar.

The file also included previously undisclosed letters from people in jail who agreed to testify against Allen in exchange for favors in their cases.

Jackson was among prosecutors who were not invited to remain in the Dallas County district attorney’s office after Watkins won the 2006 election. Jackson, who had spent 17 years as a Dallas County prosecutor, sued Watkins in federal court, claiming that his termination was race based. Jackson is white and Watkins is Black. A judge tossed the suit.

The Innocence Project in New York and the

Innocence Project of Texas filed a 196-page grievance with the State Bar in 2018 against Jackson.

Jackson’s lawyer, Bob Hinton, said Jackson has long maintained that he handed over the evidence to the defense and still believes that Allen and Mozee are guilty. Hinton said Jackson didn’t want to comment.

Jackson retired from practicing law in 2013 after he was fired from the Denton County district attorney’s office. Hinton said Jackson now spends his summers driving tour buses in Alaska.

Hinton said that against his advice, Jackson chose not to spend his retirement savings fighting the accusation at a disciplinary hearing where he faced losing his law license.

The person who killed Borns has not been caught.

(Andy Scott/The Dallas Morning News via AP, file)

## Supreme Court won’t hear case involving the N-word

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is declining to hear a case that would have let the justices decide whether a single use of the N-word in the workplace can create a hostile work environment.

The high court said Monday it would not take the case of a former Texas hospital employee who said he was subjected to a hostile work environment, including graffiti in one elevator that used the N-word. As is typical, the court did not comment in turning away the case. It was one of many the court rejected Monday.

Robert Collier said that during the seven years he worked as an operating room aide at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, white nurses called him and other Black employees “boy.” He also said management ignored two large swastikas painted on a storage room wall. He sued the hospital after he was fired in 2016.

The hospital’s lawyers had urged the court not to take Collier’s case. In a statement to The Associated Press, hospital spokesman Michael Malaise noted that there is no evidence “that any Parkland employee was responsible for the alleged graffiti or that it was directed specifically at Mr. Collier.”

Parkland is the hospital where President John F. Kennedy was taken in 1963 after he was fatally shot.



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CARROLLTON SENIOR CENTER	1720 KELLER SPRINGS RD	CARROLLTON	75006
COPPELL TOWN CENTER - MAIN LOBBY	255 E PARKWAY BLVD	COPPELL	75019
CROSSWINDS HIGH SCHOOL	1100 N CARRIER PKWY	GRAND PRAIRIE	75050
EL CENTRO COLLEGE-MAIN CAMPUS – C BLDG LOBBY	801 MAIN ST	DALLAS	75202
FRETZ PARK LIBRARY – BLACK BOX THEATER	6990 BELT LINE RD	DALLAS	75254
GEORGE L ALLEN SR. COURTS BLDG – MAIN LOBBY	600 COMMERCE ST	DALLAS	75202
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## ‘It’s an honor’: The Hall of Fame’s class of 2020 enshrined

By TIM REYNOLDS



(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Vanessa Bryant took Michael Jordan’s hand and walked down from the stage, a familiar chant breaking out throughout the arena as she made her way back to her seat.

“Kobe! Kobe! Kobe!” the crowd shouted.

With that, he was — officially, finally — a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Kobe Bryant is in the Hall now, along with contempo-

raries Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett, headliners of a group of nine who got their delayed and long-awaited enshrinement on Saturday night, more than a year after being announced as the Hall’s Class of 2020.

“Right now, I’m sure he’s laughing in Heaven, because I’m about to praise him in public,” Vanessa Bryant said.

And she did, her purple dress matching the traditional Los Angeles Lakers color,

capping the night by giving the speech that her husband was not here to deliver.

“There will never be anyone like Kobe,” Vanessa Bryant said. “Kobe was one of a kind. He was special. He was humble — off the court — but bigger than life.”

Bryant, Duncan and Garnett were joined in the class by three-time NCAA champion coach Kim Mulkey, two-time NBA champion coach Rudy

Tomjanovich, four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings, three-time Final Four coach Eddie Sutton, 1,000-game winner Barbara Stevens and long-time FIBA secretary general Patrick Baumann.

“I appreciate you,” Garnett said to Duncan from the stage. “It’s an honor to go into the hall with you, bro. You and Kob.”

Duncan stayed true to who he is: modest and humble, on a day where his Spurs coach, Gregg Popovich, missed a game to see his enshrinement.

“This is the most nervous I’ve ever been in my life,” Duncan said as he began his speech. “Been through finals, Game 7’s, this is officially the most nervous I’ve ever been in my life. I’ve been pacing in my room all day, so let’s see what we get.”

“Basketball chose me, an awkward, lanky, introverted tomboy, born with a hearing disability, a speech impediment, and a will to overcome obstacles, dream big and to change the world,” Catchings said.

Mulkey talked about her roots, coming from a small town in Louisiana and getting to the Hall of Fame —

marveling that she was presented for induction by Jordan, who held the same role for Bryant.

“Michael, I’m incredibly honored,” Mulkey said. “I guess the last time we stood this close we were walking out of the ’84 Olympics and we were a hell of a lot younger lookin’ and probably a lot skinnier. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

The totality of the accomplishments of the Hall class are staggering.

Bryant, Garnett, Duncan and Catchings combined for 58 All-Star appearances. Mulkey, Tomjanovich, Sutton and Stevens combined for more than 3,000 coaching wins. Baumann is widely lauded for his efforts in getting 3x3 basketball added to the Olympic program.

“My life turned out better than my wildest dreams,” Tomjanovich said, his voice cracking.

NBA championships, WNBA championships, national championships, Olympic gold medals, MVP awards, the class had some of everything.

“We’re Hall of Famers, guys,” Mulkey shouted. “WE’RE HALL OF

FAMERS.”

And while it was a celebration, it was also a remembrance for Hall of Famers lost since the last enshrinement in 2019. Three-time Grammy Award winner Ne-Yo performed “Incredible” in their memories, the video clips playing behind him including a message from former NBA Commissioner David Stern, who died Jan. 1, 2020, and Bryant — who died Jan. 26 of that year in a helicopter crash that also killed his daughter Gianna and seven others.

“I’ve always said that I wanted to be remembered as a player that didn’t waste a moment, didn’t waste a day, and lived every day as if he was the 12th guy on the bench,” Bryant said in the video.

Bryant wasn’t the only member to be inducted posthumously; so were Sutton and Baumann. Sutton’s son Sean Sutton delivered a recorded message on his father’s behalf; Baumann’s son, Paul, and daughter, Bianca, did the same for their father.

“Thank you so much for this honor and for the opportunity to continue carrying his legacy forward,” Bianca Baumann said.

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eliminate racism in medicine.

“We’re teaching how to see it and how to undo it,” Jackson said.

James, a family medicine doctor, and Jackson, a psychiatrist, have developed anti-racist coursework used in two Chicago medical schools. They’ve co-founded the Institute for Antiracism in Medicine, where physicians can earn continuing medical education credit for taking classes on how their profession has made Black patients sicker.

There’s more. They’re seeking federal legislation to require hospitals to reveal outcomes by race, with penalties for those where Black patients consistently fare worse. They’ve helped create an online support group to help like-minded, stressed-out Black doctors heal and strategize.

They’ve even hatched a plan to create black coats for doctors. That’s not as radical as it might sound -- black coats were the tradition in the 19th century.

Their latest achievement? Helping lead a charge against the American Medical Association and the influential research journal it publishes.

The twins are riding a wave and they got there by “learning to breathe underwater.” That’s how Jackson describes adapting to “this

constant oppressive pressure” of racism.

“I remember being young and being told in school that I can’t be smart, because of where I’m from, being told your hair is ugly,” she said. “You learn to live with the kind of pain that comes just for being. Just for walking down the street. You can’t name it when you’re that young. It does something to your psyche.”

It can break you, and Jackson and James have had fragile moments of self-doubt. But the pandemic year has fueled their resolve. They say the relentless toll on people of color from the coronavirus and video-documented police violence have laid bare the damage caused by structural racism.

“It is literally killing us,” James said.

In recent steps that critics labeled mostly symbolic, the AMA has made an effort to come to grips with its racial history. The group excluded Black doctors from its ranks for over 100 years, and even today, just 5% of all U.S. physicians are Black.

Within the past few years, the nation’s largest doctors’ group hired Dr. Aletha Maybank as its first chief health equity officer and declared racism a public health threat. In February, it removed a statue displayed at its Chicago headquarters of Dr. Nathan Davis, AMA’s founder, who promoted racist policies.

But later that month, a podcast hosted by the AMA’s flagship medical journal caused a stir. The tweet promoting the podcast read, “No physician is racist, so how can there be structural racism in health?”

It was, Maybank said, “a gut punch.”

The sisters’ institute started a petition in response, demanding that the journal diversify its mostly white editorial staff and ensure that medical research relating to race and racism gets published. The effort has garnered more than 8,800 signatures so far.

AMA suspended the journal’s chief editor and a deputy editor resigned.

AMA also agreed to meet last month to hear demands for change from several Black physicians, including James and New York cardiologist Dr. Raymond Givens, another leading AMA critic.

The doctors will be looking to hear how AMA plans to address their concerns at a second meeting, but James says the AMA’s anti-racism plan — in the works long before the sisters’ activism — makes her optimistic. In an 83-page document released Tuesday, AMA vowed to dismantle structural racism inside its own ranks and within the U.S. medical establishment with steps that include diversifying its own staff and collaborating with outside groups.

The group reached out to

James and other physicians to discuss the plan — a hopeful sign, she said.

“We still have to hold their feet to the fire,” she said.

Part of the problem is doctors’ deeply embedded identity as healers and “good people,” Jackson said. “It’s hard when you’re indoctrinated in that culture to stop and say, ‘Are we really doing good?’”

A racial imbalance in medical leadership perpetuates the problem, James said -- those making decisions and policies don’t look like the populations they serve.

James treats patients at a clinic on Chicago’s South Side and teaches at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Jackson has taught at Rush Medical College and is the behavioral health director at a Chicago health network that treats LGBTQ and other underserved patients.

Working with students, medical residents and colleagues, they strive to highlight the harm caused by the disproven idea that there are biological differences in Black people that contribute to health disparities.

Some examples: --The longstanding myth that Black people somehow have a higher tolerance for pain, perpetuated during slavery times, has often led to undertreatment.

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## CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON AND RANKING MEMBER LUCAS PASS LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN U.S. STEM WORKFORCE

**Washington, D.C.** – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed five bills introduced by House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30) and Ranking Member Frank Lucas (OK-03) that will make significant advancements to improve and strengthen the U.S. STEM workforce pipeline.

The bills that passed in the House of Representatives were H.R. 210, the Rural STEM Education Research Act; H.R. 144, the Supporting

Early-Career Researchers Act; H.R. 204, the STEM Opportunities Act; H.R. 2027, the MSI STEM Achievement Act; and H.R. 2695, the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act.

“We are proud that the House has passed five bipartisan bills addressing different aspects of our STEM talent pipeline and workforce,” said **Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson and Ranking Member Frank Lucas**. “We can no longer take for granted our country’s global leadership in science and innovation, or

the economic and national security advantages that come with such leadership. And we can no longer assume that we will maintain leadership while we continue to leave out and leave behind the majority of our population. Students from racial and ethnic minority groups, rural students, and women may face different challenges in access to high-quality STEM education and inclusion in our science and engineering research enterprise, but the consequences are the same. We are not tapping into the full breadth of our

nation’s talent and the diverse perspectives and insights they bring. In the current moment, we also face the risk of significant loss of those who are already in the STEM research pipeline due to the impacts of the COVID pandemic, with a disproportionate impact on women and minority researchers. The five bills developed by the Science, Space, and Technology Committee and passed by the House today are integral to shoring up our current STEM talent pipeline and strengthening it for the future.”

## Biden moves to improve legal services for poor, minorities

**DETROIT (AP)** — President Joe Biden took executive action Tuesday to ensure minorities, low-income Americans and others have better access to quality legal representation after services dwindled during the Trump administration.

Biden signed a memorandum directing the Department of Justice to restore key functions of the shuttered Access to Justice Office and to reestablish the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable.

The plans were laid out in a presidential memo first

shared with The Associated Press. The White House said Biden was directing the roundtable to examine the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on access to justice in both civil and criminal matters.

The pandemic “has fur-


ther exposed and exacerbated inequities in our justice system” as legal services were curtailed, Biden wrote. He added that the problems “have touched the lives of many persons in this country, particularly low-income people and people of color.”

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