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NASA's first African-America astronaut mentors kids

Mae Jemison did not have a mentor, and yet she became one. Even as a college student at Stanford of joining the NASA space pro- schedule was hectic, she also found University, Jemison found herself drawn to nurturing young children's States joined together to conduct continues today to improve health interest in space and science. After experiments in life sciences and care in West Africa. earning two bachelor degrees in materials processing on the space studies, she moved on to Cornell Sept. 12, 1992. University's medical school in the fall of 1977. During this time she woman and one of only five Afri- by her loving parents, a mainte-

camp during a summer program. space agency. Af-Shortly after completion of her stud- ter returning from ies and starting her internship at her historic misthe Los Angeles University of sion, she contin-Southern California Medical Cen- ued to encourage ter, Jemison became the area Peace children to stay in Corps medical officer for Sierra school and follow Leone and Liberia in West Africa. their dreams.

With a multitude of educational accomplishments and skills Mae directed the Jemison Institute for Jemison decided to follow up on a Advancing Technologies in Dedream she had for many years; that veloping countries. Although her gram. When Japan and the United time to run the Jemison Group, which

Mae Jemison

In 1994, Jamison founded and

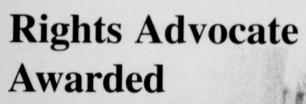
Born in 1958 in Decatur, Ala., only four years in chemical engi- shuttle Endeavor, she got her Jamison would be raised in Chineering and African-American chance to go into outer space on cago. As the youngest of three children, her early dreams of sci-Jemison was the only black ence and space were fully supported became a volunteer in a Tai refugee can- American astronauts in the nance supervisor and a school

teacher.

founded The Earth giant footsteps.

We Share, an annual international science camp. Here, students, ages 12 to 16 come together from around the world to take part in problem solving regarding current global dilemmas. Less than one year after she left NASA, Jemison became a professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College.

Jemison's countless awards in medicine, science, technology, space exploration, and education show her constant drive to grow intellectually and share that knowledge with people of all ages. Her contribution to our nation's minority children, as well as thousands of After over six children across the globe will not years with the be forgotten. Children throughout NASA, Jemison the world today aspire to walk in her





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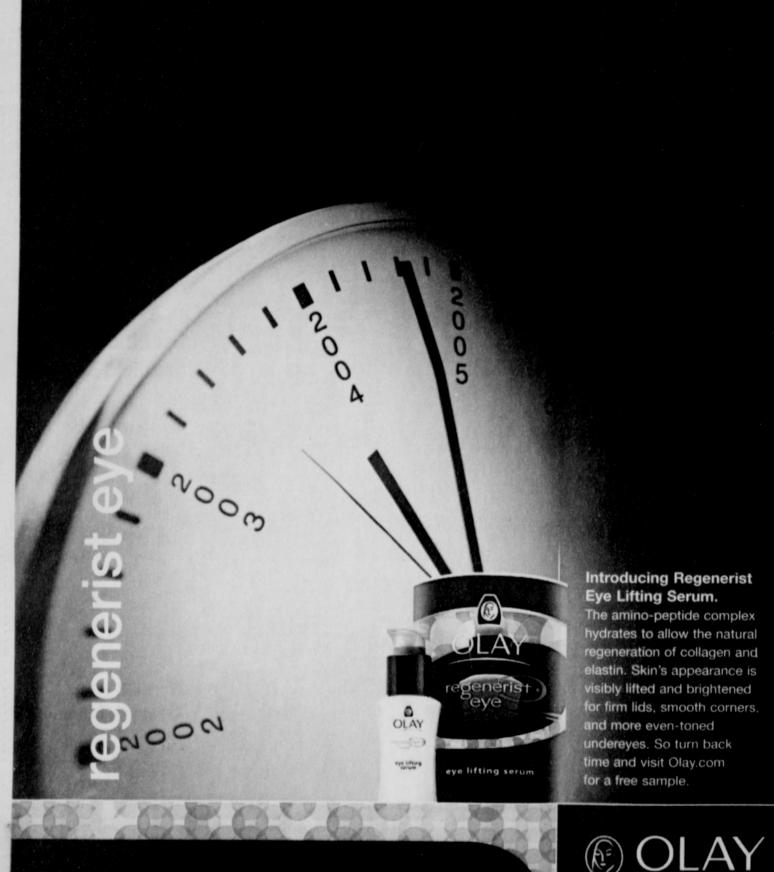
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Women's rights champion and civil rights leader Dorothy Height is presented with the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony on Capitol Hill with President Bush, left, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., second from right, and Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

## Dorothy Height cited for enormous accomplishment

(AP)-Hailing Dorothy Height as "the giant of the civil rights movement," President Bush presented her with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Height accepted Congress' highest honor last week under the vaulted dome of the Capitol Rotunda to warm applause from lawmakers.

Height served more than 30 years as the president of the National Council of Negro Women, an organization dedicating to uplifting black women and their communities. She also held several leadership positions in the YWCA. where she advocated progressive policies embracing minorities.

In 1964, she organized a series of informal dialogues between white and black women from the North and South called "Wednesdays in Mississippi."

Citing those and other Height contributions, Bush called her a hero who has "helped to extend the promise of our founding to millions."

"She's a woman of enormous accomplishment," the president said. "She's a friend of first ladies like Eleanor Roosevelt and Hillary Rodham Clinton. She's known every president since Dwight David Eisenhower. She's told every president what she thinks since Dwight David Eisenhower."

Bush recalled that Height was the only woman in the "Big 6," a group of black activists that included Martin Luther King Jr.

"Truth of the matter is, she was the giant of the civil rights movement," he said.

More recently, she has won international recognition for her work promoting AIDS education.

Height said she accepted the medal "on behalf of the millions of people, particularly women, whose work goes unnoticed.'

Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif., said Height "has left a lasting legacy not only for African-American families but the country as a whole."

Since George Washington received the first Congressional Gold Medal in 1776, Congress has bestowed the honor on some 300 people, including Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, Rosa Parks and President and Nancy Reagan.

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