

JOE BROWN

S.C. State Representative, Columbia

Joe Brown lost his father as a child. When his mother couldn't afford his tuition at Allen University, Brown quit the football team to go to work. He worked hard to make ends meet and discovered an insatiable drive and peerless work ethic that made him the first college graduate in his family and the state's youngest principal in the late 1950s. Brown was later bestowed by Allen with a Doctorate of Humanities degree. As a school administrator, Brown came to understand that his Lower Richland community thrives on effective servant leadership. So, he decided to run for office after 31 years in education. Today, Rep. Brown is highly respected among lawmakers and is the only African American committee chairman in the General Assembly.



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SOUTH CAROLINA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Langston Hughes was born in 1902.	2 Groundhog Day Ernest E. Just, biologist, received the Spingarn Medal for pioneering research on fertilization and cell division, 1914.	3 Geraldine McCullough won the Widener Gold Medal for Sculpture in 1965.	4 Rosa Parks was born in 1913.
5 Henry "Hank" Aaron, the home run king of major league baseball, was born in 1934.	6 Jonathan Jasper Wright elected to South Carolina Supreme Court in 1870.	7 Eubie Blake, pianist, was born in 1883.	8 Oprah Winfrey became the first African American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show in 1986.	9 In 1995 Bernard Harris became the first African American astronaut to take a spacewalk.	10 Roberta Flack, singer, was born in 1940.	11 Clifford Alexander, Jr., became the first African American Secretary of the Army in 1977.
12 Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809. Congress enacted the first fugitive slave law in 1793.	13 Joseph L. Searles became the first African American member of the New York Stock Exchange, 1970.	14 Valentine's Day Frederick Douglass was born in 1817.	15 Henry Lewis was named director of the New Jersey Symphony in 1968.	16 Joe Frazier became World Heavyweight Boxing Champion by a knockout in 1970.	17 Michael Jordan, basketball player, born in 1963.	18 Author Toni Morrison (born Chloe Anthony Wofford) was born in 1931.
19 William "Smoky" Robinson was born in 1940.	20 President's Day Frederick Douglass died in 1895.	21 Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965.	22 George Washington was born in 1732. Julius Winfield "Dr. J" Erving was born in 1950.	23 W.E.B. DuBois born in 1868.	24 In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first African American woman to receive an M.D. degree.	25 Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) won World Heavyweight crown in 1964.
26 Singer "Fats" Domino was born in 1928.	27 Marian Anderson, opera singer, was born in 1902.	28 Richard Wright's Native Son published in 1940.	Leap Years, February 29: Hattie McDaniel became the first black (male or female) to win an Oscar (for Best Supporting Actress) for her role as Mammy in Gone With The Wind in 1940.			

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