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## Local black civil rights leaders applauded for work by council

Velma Hopkins and Rev. Kelly Goodwin

remembered for deeds CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The City Council Monday honored two deceased African-Americans who made indelible contributions to civil rights and racial relations in Winston-Salem. The honors continued a program started last year by Mayor Allen Joines that strives to spotlight local black civil rights leaders each February, the month designated to celebrate black history.

Velma Hopkins and Rev. Kelly O.P. Goodwin still have folks singing their praises.

Society

bers,

years after they passed away, Goodwin led Mt. Zion Baptist Church for more than 30 years, guiding the church along a path that has made it one of the city's most influential places of wor-

ship.
Goodwin's work did not end once he stepped away from the pulpit. He was an active mem-ber of the NAACP and Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He served on the boards of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem and Crisis Control Ministry. Goodwin also served as chaplain for Winston-Salem State University. In 1971, Goodwin and the pastor of Knollwood Baptist Church - which has a largely white congregation formed a sister-church program aimed at improving racial rela-

City Council member Joycelyn Johnson, who recom-



The Rev. Kelly Goodwin was pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for more than 30

mended Goodwin for the honor, said that when she was growing up, Goodwin was always some one that young people could look up to.

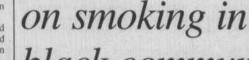
"He was surely a role model for all of us young folks...to model ourselves after," she said Monday, before presenting a resolution honoring Goodwin to Rev. Serenus Churn, the cur-

Churn said although Goodwin has been dead for several years, he is still very much alive in the work that is done each day at Mt. Zion.

"His spirit is very much a part (of the church). He is still very much with us." Churn

Hopkins was remembered as a brave woman who stood for justice in various forms. In

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black community.

Alma Adams

Bennett President Johnnetta Cole makes a point.

HBCUs to take

\$1 million grant will be used to tackle different aspects of smoking

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO - Three

historically black colleges and (HBCUs) in the state have been given a \$1 million grant to reduce smoking among black North Carolinians. If the school's efforts are successful, more grants could be made to other HBCUs around the

nation to fund similar anti-smoking programs. The grant was announced last week by the American Legacy Foundation during a news conference at Bennett College for Women. Bennett,

along with neighboring N.C

A&T State University and Durham's N.C. Central University will develop a series of programs with the money aimed at curbing smoking, which is a habit shared by one in five African-Americans.
"It is time for African-

Americans to take a serious look at the toll tobacco is tak-ing on our health, on our families and loved ones and on our communities," said state Rep. Alma Adams, who is also a Bennett professor and vice-

chair of the American Legacy Founda-tion board. Today, Adams is one of the state's biggest antismoking advocates. She led the move year to ban smoking on the floor of the General Assembly. Adams has not always been against smoking,

though. She was a smoker for four decades, starting when she was a teenager.

"I thought it was glam-ourous, and acceptance by my peers was important for me. she said.

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## Women of Color



## NAACP keeps up fight against state's felon law

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Amid chilly temperatures

on Tuesday afterdoon, the Winston-Salem chapter of NAACP held a small demonstration outside the County Forsyth Courthouse protesting what the hapter says is the unfair treatment of blacks under the habitual felon laws.

The law allows district investigation into alleged attorneys to seek more severe punishments for offenders

with excessive prior convictions. The law is controversial because many claim that black defendants are deemed habitual felons for

minor crimes. Stephen ston, NAACP president, said that too many black offenders are being warehoused in jails for nonviolent crimes longer than is neces-

because habitual felon laws. The NAACP plans to conduct a statewide

racial disparities as a result of See Felons on A10



Marshall Dillard stands next to a Saturn ION similar to the one he won recently.

Saturn dealership produces winner in Hot Button contest

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Marshall Dillard says he has never been a particularly lucky person. His name has never been called during raffles. Publisher's Clearing House has never come aknocking at his front door.

So Dillard was not feeling particularly lucky on Feb. 9 when he reluctantly played the much-hyped General Motors Hot Button contest at Flow Saturn on Peters Creek Parkway. The contest - made popular by a series of television commercials - invites people to come to GM dealerships

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