## Reparations advocates urge revival of

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"If you think you've been
wronged, it shouldn't take
100 years to investigate the
conduct of Aetna, Lehman
Brothers and the like," said
Posner said. "There are a lot
of people living today whose
parents were wealthy in the
19th century who have nothine."

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Last week's hearing comes at a pivotal time for the reparation movement.

This summer, the Moravian Church and the Episcopal Church apologized for their roles in the slave trade and a North Carolina commission urged the state to repay descendants of a violent 1898 white supremacist campaign white supremacist campaign in Wilmington

And corporations have begun to acknowledge their ties to slavery, in part because of a series of state

Several cities — including Chicago, Detroit and Oakland — also have laws

### Workers: Don't dump on our job

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"It's basically racist laws," Orton said. "The archaic laws come under Jim Crow and segregation period. The problem is systemic throughout the state."

State NAACP President

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He said the sanitation workers do not mind picking up garbage.

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"They are simply saying don't treat us like garbage and as expendable," he said "This is a moral issue"

### Boost the spirit of giving

By Todd Luck
THE WINSTON-SALEM CHRONICLE

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—Emmett Carson, one of the
nation's foremost Black philanthropy advocates, spoke
recently to an audience of
about 180 listeners at
Winston-Salem State

about 180 listeners at Winston-Salem State University about the importance of giving back and investing in the Black community.

"I want to suggest to you black philanthropy has everything to do with race," said Carson, who has published more than 75 works on philanthropy and social justice.

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He is president and CEO of the Minneapolis Foundation. He has been selected as leader of the new Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The California-based foundation is one of the largest in the nation, with assets of \$1.35 billion. Carson defined black philanthropy as the giving of money time, talent or services to a charitable cause, no matter how big or small the donation.

#### Correction

An article in last week's lost ("Wilson follows passion f education opportunity") yas written by Erica was was Singleton

does not.

"Slavery was not a local occupation - it was facilitated and made possible by the great northern banks that today sit in our great cities of New York, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles and San Francisco and all over the country," said Bruce Afran, a lawyer representing Deadria Farmer-Paellmann, whose

family members were slaves in South Carolina.

JP Morgan Chase has acknowledged it owned 1,200 slaves in Louisiana and accepted 13,000 others as collateral before slavery was abolished in 1865.

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Lawyers pushing for the compensation said Wednesday the current day "market value" of the company-owned slawes would be at least \$850 million.

The company has since apologized for its role in slav-ery and funded a \$5 million college scholarship program for black students from Company n Kelly

Louisiana. Company spokesman Tom Kelly declined to comment on the litigation.

The case made its way to the appeals court after the lawsuit was dismissed last summer by a federal judge, who said the debate about

reparations should be decided by the legislative or executive branch.

Lawyers pushing for the reparations said if their arguments are rejected again, they'll ask the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case.

they'll ask the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case. If the reparations advocates succeed, the companies will have to account for the income they earned from slavery, produce historical records and give up the prof-

its earned from slavery. The damage awards would be used to create a court-super-vised fund to help fix prob-lems in the black community.

lems in the black community.
"The companies that benefited from slavery must share their wealth," said Richard E. Barber Sr., a Somerset, N J. resident whose grandfather, great-grandfather and great-aunt were slaves "This issue must be resolved in my generation."



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