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## CONGRESSMAN JACKSON, SENATOR JONES ARE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS TRUMAN COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that US Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr. and State Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones Jr. were the keynote speakers at opening ceremonies for Truman College's celebration of Black History Month February 5; and

that both leaders addressed the strides made in Civil Rights, as well as the hurdles yet to be overcome, and encouraged students to continue their education in an effort to build a diverse, cohesive America; and

that the opening ceremonies and the rest of Truman's Black History Month activities – including a successful health fair, film series, poetry slam and panel discussion – were coordinated by members of the United People of Color student club, aided by Truman College faculty and administration members Gregory Robinson, Tina Ekeson, Brenda Weddington and Anghesom Atsbaha; and

that historical exhibits displayed during February include "A Tribute to Our Enslaved Ancestors: The People's Exhibit," a pictorial history tracing the lives of African Americans who endured slavery, then struggled to live in freedom, sponsored in part by the college and the International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry and funded by the Illinois Humanities Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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