

Women Who Paved the Way

by Delores Jonella Martin



Susan B. Anthony

Where would we be without the strong, determined women, such as Emma Willard, who believed that women could study any academic subject we choose? Where would we be without Susan B. Anthony, Mary McLeod Bethune, and Anna Julia Cooper—just to name a few—who worked hard to secure equal rights for women and African Americans? These strong-minded

women, and many more, have paved the way for women today.

If it had not been for these women, many in our culture would still tell us that women should be seen and not heard, and should stay in the home—cooking, cleaning and producing babies. I am proud to applaud the women in history who made it possible for women of all nationalities to enhance their abilities and work toward their goals.

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Sojourner Truth



Mary McLeod Bethune

for women and African Americans? These strong-minded

SOJOURNER by Barbara Bland

SOJOURNER
Here you are
Laid to rest
What I know
You were one
Of the Best

S is for the Soul she kept
O is for Others she helped
J is for the Journey she was on
O is for Optimistic character she had
U is the Ultimate strength she had
R is for Real—Real she was
N is for Never—she never gave up
E is for the Eternity her name will live on
R is for the Respect she had

T is for Traveler she was
R is for Roughness she went through
U is for Us the women she fought for to have
rights
T is for Temperance she fought against alcohol
abuse to protect women
H is for the Heart she had

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