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"CHANGING THE FACE OF MEDICINE: Celebrating America's Women Physicians"








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Physician: Dorothy Ferebee

	<p><u>VOICEOVER NARRATION:</u></p> <p>"As a young girl, I would nurse and help the birds that fell out of trees," recalled Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee.</p> <p>While her friends played with toys, she healed injured animals.</p> <p>At an early age, she knew she wanted to become a doctor.</p>
  	<p>After graduating fifth in her class from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1924 ...</p> <p>... Dorothy Boulding, like other qualified African American physicians across the country,...</p> <p>... was denied internships at white hospitals.</p> <p>Determined to find equal opportunity to complete her training...</p> <p>... Dr. Boulding took an internship at Freedman's Hospital in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C.</p> <p>One of the few hospitals administered by African Americans ... it provided health care</p>

	<p>to the city's black community.</p> <p>In 1925, after completing her internship Dr. Boulding opened her own practice in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.</p> <p>The community was very poor and did not have an ambulance service.</p> <p>She was determined to bring basic care to those who could not afford it:</p> <p>She found funding to open a health center for African-Americans.</p> <p>Concerned about the needs of families in the community, she set up the Southeast Neighborhood Society ...</p> <p>... with playgrounds and day care for children of working mothers.</p> <p>She also founded, and became the first president, of The Women's Institute ...</p> <p>... a philanthropic and educational organization.</p> <p>In 1925, Dr. Boulding joined the faculty of Howard University Medical School ...</p> <p>... where she met, and later married, Claude Thurston Ferebee, a dentist and university instructor.</p>
<p>[Rural Mississippi - video sent by NLM]</p>	<p>Throughout the Great Depression, Dr. Dorothy Ferebee was dedicated to bringing health care to those in need.</p> <p>In 1934,</p>

 <p>[Rural Mississippi folk go to medical clinic in bus - video sent by NLM]</p> 	<p>she was appointed Medical Director of the Mississippi Health Project.</p>
    	<p>Under the auspices of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first philanthropic sorority founded by black college women in America ...</p> <p>... the Mississippi Health Project brought primary health care and federal attention ...</p> <p>...to the needs of African Americans in the rural South.</p> <p>Despite threats by hostile whites ...</p> <p>... Project workers launched vaccine programs against smallpox and diphtheria throughout poor communities.</p> <p>They also treated venereal disease and widespread malnutrition.</p> <p>Members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority ... financed, designed, and implemented the Project for two to six weeks every summer from 1935 to 1942.</p>

   	<p>In 1949 Dr. Ferebee was appointed Director of Health Services for the Howard University Medical School.</p> <p>She remained in Washington or the rest of her life.</p> <p>She was an active member of the National Council of Negro Women and served as its second president from 1949 to 1953.</p> <p>She worked to eliminate discrimination against minorities in housing, education, the armed forces, and health care.</p> <p>When she was in her sixties, President John F. Kennedy appointed her to the Council for Food for Peace ...</p> <p>... and she toured Africa for five months, lecturing on preventive medicine.</p> <p>Doctor Dorothy Boulding Ferebee died in 1980, at the age of ninety.</p>
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