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"The celebration of Black History during the month of February is more than just a month out of the year for me," said McKinney. "It is a time to recognize the many contributions and the culture of African Americans. While being in Washington, D.C. these last few weeks, I experienced a lot of emotions given all the historic events that took place there."

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