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# from the publisher

## Consider this for a new year's resolution

One of the nice things about 2018 is that we get to welcome in a new year, although we must consciously remind ourselves to write 2018 instead of 2017 as a date.

When I changed the line that UMOJA will celebrate 28 years instead of 27 years, my heart palpitated. It is nice to know that UMOJA has been with us that long and is starting another year.

UMOJA set out to revolutionize the way Black people are presented in the media, to present them not just as criminals and athletes as the media once did, but as men, women and children who go about their lives with dignity. You can take away all my clothes, my bank account, my computers, but you can't take away my dignity. That's why I marched on Washington, refused to go in back doors, walked rather than rode the back of the bus, protected my children from humiliation, resisted flirtations and did a million other small acts of resistance when I could.

Twenty-eight gives us reasons to shed things that didn't work and acquire a new way of thinking.

With the rudeness and meanness of Donald Trump in 2017, we have good reason to re-think or even double down on what we believe. We now know his intentions for sure. At the beginning of 2017, some wanted to give him a chance, a clean sheet to face the realities of being The President. We now know that he is ignorant on climate change and human rights. A sleight of hand policy-maker who protects the rich while proclaiming that he's helping people who really earn their wages. A pro-

voker who knows little about diplomacy and cares less. Not a grand master of the English language, but prone to exaggerate everything he says. Not a great thinker, but a run-of-the-mill old codger born with a chest full of silver spoons in his mouth.

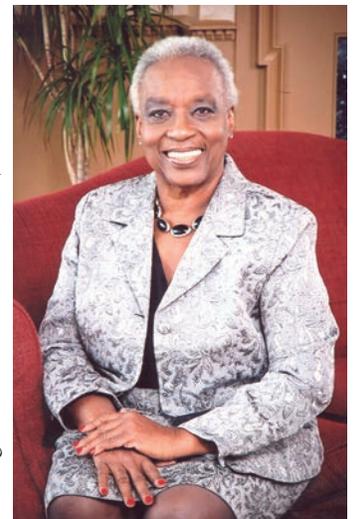
It's easy to start off the New Year thinking negatively if I let Donald Trump dominate my thinking, so let me switch to something positive.

Every year, I make New Year's resolutions that involve goals I want to achieve. This usually involves measurable efforts that I can quantify or behavioral changes. It's been 30 years since I quit smoking and I'm sure that was a goal for me in 1988.

This year I want to take a different approach and ask you to consider the same. I would like to set a goal that specifically aims to help someone else. The obvious ones that come to mind would be to tutor a child, increase my charitable giving by a certain percentage, join a civic groups

whose mission I believe in, help to make my neighborhood a better place.

How can I make my small space on the planet beneficial to someone else?



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