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Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Recognizing African American Inventors For Black History Month

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Senator Stewart-Cousins was a featured speaker at the New York Power Authority's Black History Month Program in White Plains. In her remarks, the Senator discussed a new book named, "What Color is my Word?" written by basketball legend Kareem Abdul- Jabbar. The book details notable contributions of African American inventors on American culture and technology. Some of the inventions/ inventors in the book are...

Potato chip – Invented by George Crumb

The modern microphone – Invented by James West

Ice cream scoop – Invented by Alfred Cralle

Open heart Surgery – First performed by Dr. Daniel Hale Williams.