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One of the preeminent African-American politicians of the 19th century, John Mercer Langston of Virginia was the only black Member of Congress to serve in elected office both before and after the Civil War. Langston's career as a proponent of civil rights, which spanned nearly five decades, was capped by his service in the U.S. House (1890-1891).

Langston, John Mercer. *From the Virginia Plantation to the National Capitol*
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