in recognition of african-american history month NASA salutes the contributions of african-americans to the cause of space exploration I'm Esther Lennon and I work in the institutional procurement office I'm a Contracting Officer I have a wonderful husband and two beautiful daughters and i have a wonderful career here at JSC now I never would have thought back 23 years ago when i started that's this is where I'd be today growing up in a fairly predominantly black area or african-american area just coming here
the center's just really broaden my horizon we're all from different cultures and have different backgrounds.

and so to be able to share your culture with someone and then learn their culture it means a lot all ethnicities have some types of struggles or things that they had to endure in their life in the act african-americans have had a lot to endure Black History Month everyone can take in part take part of it and learn from experiences and just the history so much history you should never forget your past i know they tell you
don't rely on your past or fall back on it but i don't think you should ever forget it in 2008 i was able to vote and we were able to elect the first african-american president of the united states of america and that was truly an honor for me our ancestors fought so hard to get us where we are today and that was just an honor to be able to to be able to take part and do that because I wasn't able to be a part of the Martin Luther King days or the other past experiences that happen during it you know during the times before I have
become a part of black history so I have

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a story to tell my children and can

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share that I was there