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00:00:11,030 --> 00:00:08,780
in recognition of african-american

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00:00:12,919 --> 00:00:11,040
history month NASA salutes the

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00:00:15,020 --> 00:00:12,929
contributions of african-americans to

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00:00:17,150 --> 00:00:15,030
the cause of space exploration I'm

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00:00:19,400 --> 00:00:17,160
Esther Lennon and I work in the

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institutional procurement office I'm a

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Contracting Officer I have a wonderful

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husband and two beautiful daughters and

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00:00:30,620 --> 00:00:26,900
i have a wonderful career here at JSC

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00:00:32,120 --> 00:00:30,630
now I never would have thought back 23

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00:00:36,889 --> 00:00:32,130
years ago when i started that that's

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this is where I'd be today growing up in

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a fairly predominantly black area or

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african-american area just coming here

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the center's just really broaden my

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horizon we're all from different

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cultures and have different backgrounds

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and so to be able to share your culture

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with someone and then learn their

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culture it means a lot all ethnicities

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have some types of struggles or things

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that they had to endure in their life in

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the act african-americans have had a lot

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to endure Black History Month everyone

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can take in part take part of it and

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learn from experiences and just the

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history so much history you should never

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forget your past i know they tell you

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don't rely on your past or fall back on

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it but i don't think you should ever

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forget it in 2008 i was able to vote and

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we were able to elect the first

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african-american president of the united

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states of america and that was truly an

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honor for me our ancestors fought so

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hard to get us where we are today and

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that was just an honor to be able to to

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be able to take part and do that because

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I wasn't able to be a part of the Martin

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Luther King days or the other past

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experiences that happen during it you

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know during the times before I have

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become a part of black history so I have