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00:00:11,589 --> 00:00:09,350  
in recognition of african american

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00:00:13,589 --> 00:00:11,599  
history month nasa salutes the

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00:00:17,269 --> 00:00:13,599  
contributions of african americans to

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00:00:19,109 --> 00:00:17,279  
the cause of space exploration nasa has

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00:00:21,429 --> 00:00:19,119  
a way of caring

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00:00:23,029 --> 00:00:21,439  
and a way of

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00:00:25,029 --> 00:00:23,039  
wanting to

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00:00:27,029 --> 00:00:25,039  
be there for

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00:00:29,029 --> 00:00:27,039  
everyone to

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00:00:32,150 --> 00:00:29,039  
make things better

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00:00:33,590 --> 00:00:32,160  
and am i proud to be a part of that

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00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:33,600  
definitely

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:35,760

do i play a role in any of that

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00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:38,640

a small role and i think that most

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00:00:41,990 --> 00:00:40,960

people who work for nasa would feel the

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same

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certainly we have a lot of people who

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:46,719

have just really given

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:49,760

so much of themselves to see nasa become

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00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:52,879

the agency that it is today and to try

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00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:55,840

to help in so many different ways and i

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00:01:01,510 --> 00:00:59,680

think that is what makes us a family

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00:01:03,270 --> 00:01:01,520

my name is rhonda baker

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00:01:06,149 --> 00:01:03,280

i'm an associate director at center

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operations ames research center

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and i work at nasa

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:11,360

once my contract specialist career

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00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:12,799

picked up and i actually became a

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00:01:18,350 --> 00:01:14,880

contracting officer i supported a lot of

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:18,360

programs and projects i worked on the

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:21,360

astrobiology institute i also supported

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00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:24,960

life sciences and i had the great

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00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:29,040

opportunity of supporting sofia

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:32,400

being exposed to the scientists the

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:33,920

engineers

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00:01:39,670 --> 00:01:36,240

and all of the researchers

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00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:41,270

inspired me

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00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:44,960

to want to do the best job possible

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00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:47,680

in awarding contracts and administering

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00:01:54,069 --> 00:01:50,880

contracts to help them to be successful

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00:01:56,310 --> 00:01:54,079

in their programs and projects

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00:01:57,830 --> 00:01:56,320

oftentimes i think we forget about those

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00:02:00,149 --> 00:01:57,840

of us who fall in the category of

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00:02:01,990 --> 00:02:00,159

administrators and the role that we play

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and so and we should be proud of that we

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00:02:06,069 --> 00:02:03,680

should be proud that

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we also have something to contribute