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Selma Visit Brings Memories and Hope

Bonamici attends 50th anniversary tribute

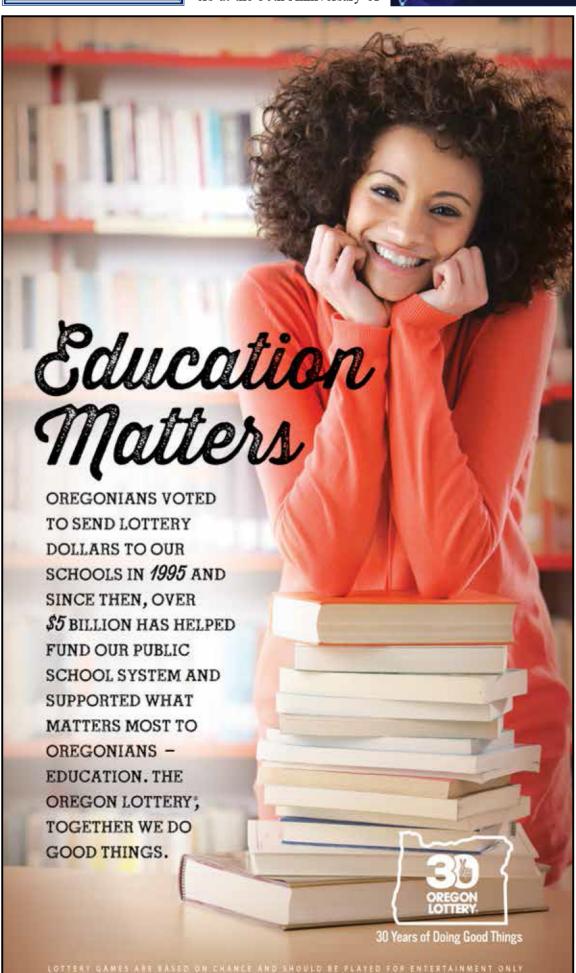
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Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici was one of hundreds of political leaders at the 50th Anniversary of



Hundreds of political leaders march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., for the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."





Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (left) joins Rep. Terri Sewell of Alabama's 7th Congressional district at the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march.

the Selma to Montgomery civ- Bonamici. "It was an honor to il rights march at the Edmund march across the Edmund Pet-Pettus Bridge in Alabama earlier this month.

The observance was a tribute to the African American and others protesters who participated in the event known as "Bloody Sunday" and a way to remember the courage for but also because of the inter- behind five kids in Detroit. critically-acclaimed film, Sel-

"Much the same way a nation's collective conscience helped spur the Voting Rights Act, perhaps this 50th anniversary will inspire people to acknowledge and confront the economic, social, and racial injustices that still remain," said

tus Bridge and recognize those who took a stand to demand equal treatment under the law. Fifty years later we must carry on that cause."

Bonamici also spoke about the amount of change that a generation has seen, relating those working for voting rights a story from a daughter who at the time. It was especially spoke of her mother being notable, not only because of killed by the KKK during the it marks nearly a half a cen-civil rights movement in Alatury since the original march, bama at the time, and leaving

est brought to the particular Bonamici says the visit moment in history through the brought her closer understanding on civil rights issues and the need to protect and restore voting rights.

"The Voting Rights Act was gutted in 2013, as you might recall," she said. "We haven't planned anything concrete, but there is bipartisan support to restore the Voting Rights