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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."

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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 civil rights march at the Edmund 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 those working for voting rights at the time. It was especially notable, not only because of it marks nearly a half a century since the original march, but also because of the interest brought to the particular moment in history through the critically-acclaimed film, Selma.

"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

Bonamici. "It was an honor to march across the Edmund Pettus 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 a story from a daughter who spoke of her mother being killed by the KKK during the civil rights movement in Alabama at the time, and leaving behind five kids in Detroit.

Bonamici says the visit 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 Bill."