

# United States House of Representatives



## Proclamation

Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman

### A PROCLAMATION IN APPRECIATION OF THE PENNINGTON AFRICAN CEMETERY

**WHEREAS,** on this day February 10, 2018 we honor the Pennington African Cemetery for its historic value in the Pennington Community, as one of the oldest historical landmarks in the area, providing a final resting place for those of African descent; and

**WHEREAS,** for over 100 years, the Cemetery has been a place where Civil War veterans, preachers, teachers, laborers, and public servants were laid to rest here each with a story of challenge and triumph; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pennington African Cemetery reminds us of the tremendous debt we owe to those who faced prejudice and segregation, and it is our duty to continue to preserve this final hallowed ground; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pennington African Cemetery is a place to pay tribute to a place to lay loved ones to rest, to honor our ancestors, and acknowledge the important stronghold in the African American Community; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, thank the Pennington African Cemetery Association for their tireless advocacy in preserving this landmark through leadership, vision, and tenacity in this cultural preservation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Watson Coleman", written over a horizontal line.

Bonnie Watson Coleman  
Member of Congress