

SR002-0506

10 **A SIMPLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL**
20 **HERO ROSA PARKS**

30 **WHEREAS:** Rosa Parks also known as "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights
40 Movement" is best known for her involvement with the Montgomery, Alabama
50 Bus Boycott; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** On December 1, 1955 Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery,
70 Alabama where she was sitting in the 'colored' section of the bus. The first four
80 rows on Montgomery buses were reserved for whites and the rear of the bus was
90 reserved for blacks, which made up more than 75 percent of the bus system's
100 riders; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** When told to give up her seat to a white man, Parks refused and was
120 subsequently arrested for not following the city's law; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The arrest of Rosa Parks truly started the Montgomery Bus Boycott,
140 which began on December 5, 1955 whereupon the Black community in
150 Montgomery, Alabama boycotted the public buses for 381 days, ending on
160 December 21, 1956; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** Not until November 13, 1956 did the United States Supreme Court rule
180 on the Bus Boycott situation; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The case, Browder V. Gayle the Supreme Court outlawed racial
200 segregation on buses, deeming it unconstitutional; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005. Her body was displayed lied in
220 state in the Capital Rotunda making her the first woman and only the second
230 black person ever to be accorded the honor.

240 **THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature recognizes
250 Rosa Parks as an American Hero and a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement;
260 and,

270 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature commemorate
280 Rosa Parks for her courage and determination for equality for the Civil Rights
290 Movement and dedicate the 2005 – 2006 Legislative Year to her memory..

270 **MANDATES:** Governor Brooke Barrash
280 Interim Lt. Governor Brendan McElroy
290 Attorney General Chris Tinsman
300 Secretary of State Tammy Barnes
310 Speaker of the Assembly Kevin Rodkey
320 Comptroller Brian Bailey
330 Congressional Black Caucus Chair, Representative Melvin Watt

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