

House Resolution 197

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Brooks of the 55th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Hugley of the 136th, Thomas of the 56th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and legacy of Mrs. Rosa Parks on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, to
4 James McCauley, a carpenter, and Leona McCauley, a teacher; and

5 WHEREAS, instilled with a strong character by her family, as an adult, Mrs. Parks put her
6 belief in standing up against injustice into practice by becoming involved with the NAACP
7 and working alongside her husband, Raymond Parks, on a variety of causes, such as voter
8 registration for blacks in the segregated South; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, Mrs. Parks was famously arrested for refusing to
10 surrender her seat to a white man on a Montgomery city bus; by sitting still, this brave and
11 determined lady sparked a movement that would revolutionize the South, the nation, and the
12 world; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks's simple but courageous act of disobedience became a watershed
14 moment in the struggle for racial equality, inspiring the formation of the Montgomery
15 Improvement Association, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., which organized a boycott of the
16 city's buses; and

17 WHEREAS, this boycott lasted 381 days and sparked national attention and debate,
18 culminating in the Supreme Court upholding a lower court ruling that segregation on public
19 transportation was unconstitutional; and

20 WHEREAS, after this early victory against racial segregation, Mrs. Parks became a moral
21 leader of the Civil Rights Movement, spending the rest of her life providing inspiration and
22 encouragement to others hoping to make the world a more fair and just place; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks passed away on October 24, 2005, leaving a legacy of greater
24 freedom for generations to come; and

25 WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of her birth, the United States Postal
26 Service will release a Forever Stamp honoring this extraordinary lady; and

27 WHEREAS, all Georgians of all races owe Mrs. Parks a tremendous debt of gratitude for her
28 extraordinary life's work for liberty, and her story continues to serve as an outstanding
29 example for others seeking to fight injustice in society.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join together to remember the remarkable life of this brave and
32 noble lady.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Family Life Ministries, Inc.