

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 71 Session of 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 4, 2017, as "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Rosa Louise McCauley was born in Tuskegee, Alabama,
4 on February 4, 1913, and married civil rights activist Raymond
5 Parks on December 18, 1932; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks became active in the American Civil
7 Rights Movement in 1943, becoming secretary of the Montgomery
8 Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of
9 Colored People (NAACP); and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks gained national recognition when she
11 refused to give up her seat in the colored section on a
12 Montgomery city bus to a white man and was arrested, spurring a
13 381-day boycott by African Americans of the Montgomery bus
14 system; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks became known as the "Mother of the Civil

1 Rights Movement" when her 1956 landmark United States Supreme
2 Court case ruled that segregated bus service was
3 unconstitutional and was grounds for repealing segregation laws;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks continued her service to society in
6 Detroit, Michigan, where she worked in the office of United
7 States Representative John Conyers, Jr., as a legislative aide
8 from 1965 to 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks lived in Detroit, Michigan, from 1957
10 until her death on October 24, 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, For her unparalleled pursuit of justice and
12 equality, Mrs. Parks was awarded the NAACP's highest honor, the
13 Spingarn Medal, in 1979, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Nonviolent
14 Peace Prize in 1980, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996
15 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, Upon her death, Mrs. Parks became the first woman in
17 the nation's history to lie in honor at the United States
18 Capitol Rotunda; and

19 WHEREAS, In February 2013, hundreds of people and the
20 political elite gathered to celebrate the life of the late Rosa
21 Parks on what would have been her 100th birthday by unveiling a
22 postage stamp in her honor just steps away from the Alabama bus
23 on which she stared down segregation nearly 60 years ago;
24 therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
26 February 4, 2017, as "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" in
27 Pennsylvania.