
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 55 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY McCLINTON, MILLARD, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, READSHAW, DONATUCCI, BURNS, A. DAVIS, HILL-EVANS, BIZZARRO, MURT, SCHLOSSBERG, BERNSTINE, ROTHMAN, CALTAGIRONE, KENYATTA, LONGIETTI, EVERETT, HARRIS, GOODMAN, MIZGORSKI, DeLUCA, OBERLANDER, VITALI, SAINATO, ISAACSON, PASHINSKI, BROWN, IRVIN, DiGIROLAMO, McNEILL, FEE, JOZWIAK, FREEMAN, DEASY, HENNESSEY, MENTZER, STURLA, INNAMORATO, NEILSON, SCHWEYER AND ROEBUCK, JANUARY 29, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 29, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating February 4, 2019, 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 and served as secretary of the
8 Montgomery Chapter of the National Association for the
9 Advancement of 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

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks became known as the "Mother of the Civil
2 Rights Movement" when her 1956 lawsuit resulted in the landmark
3 United States Supreme Court decision that segregated bus service
4 was unconstitutional and laid the groundwork for repealing
5 segregation laws; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
27 February 4, 2019, as "Rosa Parks Remembrance Day" in
28 Pennsylvania.