

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 580

Approved December 8, 2005

WHEREAS, Rosa Louise McCauley was born February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama to James McCauley, a carpenter, and Leona McCauley, a school teacher; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 11 she enrolled in the Montgomery Industrial School for Girls and later at Alabama State Teachers College. At twenty, Rosa married a barber named Raymond Parks; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks, on December 1, 1955, refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger in Montgomery, Alabama, resulting in her arrest; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks' defiance triggered the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott and earned her the title "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement"; and

WHEREAS, The 382-day Boycott introduced the world to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who was President of the Montgomery Improvement Association and the Boycott's spokesperson; and

WHEREAS, The federal district court on June 4, 1956, ruled bus segregation unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks and her husband, Raymond Parks, in 1957 moved to Detroit, Michigan where Mrs. Parks served on the staff of U.S. Representative John Conyers; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Christian Leadership Council later established an annual Rosa Parks Freedom Award in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development to offer guidance to young African-Americans; and

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*Gaire E. Best*  
*Gustafson* CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT  
RENEWAL & PLANNING  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution, as amended

*John M. Stein*  
11/22/05 Clerk

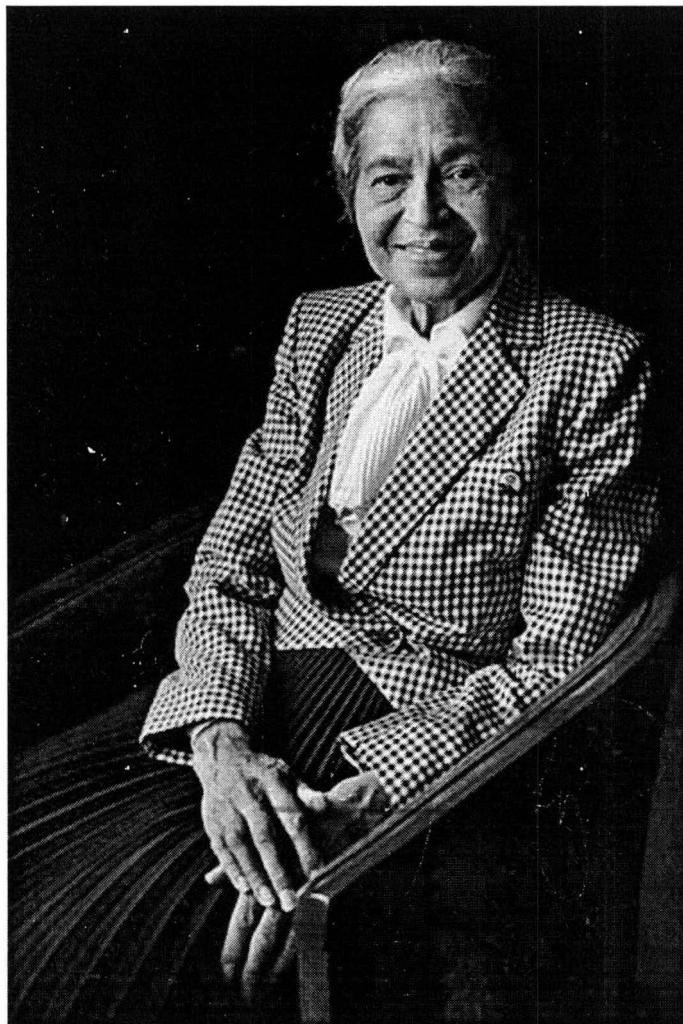
*Councilman Luna and Councilwoman Young*

*WHEREAS, President Clinton presented Mrs. Parks with the Congressional Medal of Freedom in 1995; and*

*WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks spent her last years in Detroit, where she died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92.*

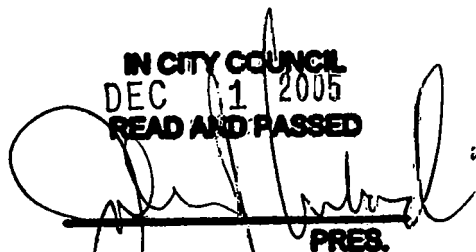
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council, in meeting assembled, remembers Rosa Parks and the sacrifices that she made in advancing civil rights; and*

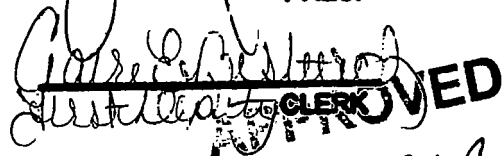
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council, proclaims December 1, 2005, and every December 1st thereafter "Rosa Parks Human Rights Day" in the City of Providence and encourages all workplaces and schools in the City of Providence, both public and private to either close on December 1st, or allow the many workers and students who want to attend Rosa Parks Commemoration events to do so without impunity.*



**Rosa Parks: 1913-2005**

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## ROSA PARKS 1913 – 2005

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WHEREAS

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WHEREAS

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WHEREAS

Mrs. Parks founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development to offer guidance to young African-Americans; and

WHEREAS

President Clinton presented Mrs. Parks with the Congressional Medal of Freedom in 1995; and Mrs. Parks spent her last years in Detroit, where she died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED

That the Providence City Council, in meeting assembled, remembers Rosa Parks and the sacrifices that she made in advancing civil rights; And Be It Further

RESOLVED

**That the Providence City Council, ~~in meeting assembled~~, proclaims December 1, 2005, and every December 1 thereafter "*Rosa Parks Human Rights Day*" in the City of Providence and encourages all workplaces and schools in the City of Providence, both public and private to either close on December 1, or allow the many workers and students who want to attend Rosa Parks Commemoration events to do so without any form of retribution.**

*with impunity*  
*Impunity*

**Claire Bestwick**

**From:** Yvonne Graf  
**Sent:** Monday, November 14, 2005 11:58 AM  
**To:** Claire Bestwick  
**Subject:** resolution

Claire,  
 Councilman Luna has this for Thursday:

Councilman Miguel C. Luna  
 November 17, 2005

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 Claire*

**A Resolution proclaiming December 1, 2005 "Rosa Parks Day" in the City of Providence**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Providence City Council, remembers Rosa Parks and the sacrifices that she made in advancing civil rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Providence City Council, proclaims the year 2005 as Rosa Parks year in the City of Providence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Providence City Council proclaims December 1, 2005 Rosa Parks Day in the City of Providence.

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