

House Resolution 1276

By: Representatives Watson of the 91st, Brooks of the 63rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Hugley of the 133rd, Stephenson of the 92nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the legacy of Mrs. Rosa Parks and recognizing February 6, 2006, as "Rosa Parks
2 Day"; and 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

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

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join together to remember the remarkable life of this brave and
8 noble lady and appreciate the invaluable contributions she made to the cause of freedom and
9 to recognize Monday, February 6, 2006, as "Rosa Parks Day."