

House Resolution 488

By: Representatives Chandler of the 105th, Clark of the 101st, Abrams of the 89th, Brooks of the 55th, Sims of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Susan McCauley for honoring the memory of Rosa Parks through the book she
2 authored, *Our Auntie Rosa*, remembering the legacy of Rosa Parks and the courageous role
3 she played in the civil rights movement, and inviting Susan McCauley to be recognized by
4 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Susan McCauley is the niece of Rosa Louise McCauley Parks and author of
6 *Our Auntie Rosa*, a book about her famous and courageous aunt; and

7 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was named the First Lady of civil rights and designated as the
8 mother of the civil rights movement, and her legacy continues to inspire many people
9 throughout the State of Georgia and the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' refusal to surrender her seat to a white passenger on a public bus
11 in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 1, 1955, spurred on a citywide boycott and helped
12 launch nationwide efforts to end segregation of public facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' arrest and trial triggered the Montgomery Bus Boycott and forced
14 the City of Montgomery to stop enforcing segregation of public buses; and

15 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill
16 Clinton and was also awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and this inspiring and
17 dedicated lady was quite deserving of these honors; and

18 WHEREAS, *Time* magazine named Rosa Parks one of the 20 Most Influential People of the
19 20th Century in 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2013, President Barack Obama unveiled a statue honoring Rosa Parks in the
21 United States Capitol and declared that "In a single moment, with the simplest of gestures,
22 she helped change America and the world"; and

23 WHEREAS, Susan McCauley has worked to keep the legacy of the great Rosa Parks alive
24 through her book, *Our Auntie Rosa*, making it abundantly fitting and proper for her to receive
25 the honor of this body.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Susan McCauley for keeping Rosa Parks legacy alive
28 through her book, *Our Auntie Rosa*, honor the memory of Rosa Parks and her role in the civil
29 rights movement, and invite Susan McCauley to be recognized by the House of
30 Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Susan
34 McCauley.