

1 [Celebrating Rosa Parks' 100th Birthday - Rosa Parks Day - February 4, 2013]

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3 **Resolution celebrating the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks and commemorating the**
4 **Modern Civil Rights Leader for her courage and declaring February 4, 2013, Rosa Parks**
5 **Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, the
8 first child of James and Leona (Edwards) McCauley; and Rosa Louise McCauley married
9 Raymond Parks on December 18, 1932; and

10 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama,
11 for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, and her stand for equal rights
12 became legendary; and,

13 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to comply with Montgomery's segregation
14 law was the catalyst for establishing the boycott of Montgomery bus system, by approximately
15 42,000 African Americans for 381 days; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 13, 1956, the United States Supreme Court ruled that
17 Montgomery's segregation law was unconstitutional, and on December 20, 1956, Montgomery
18 officials were ordered to desegregate buses; and

19 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks is honored as the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights
20 Movement," because her refusal to surrender her seat in compliance with Montgomery's
21 segregation law inspired the civil rights movement, which has resulted in the breakdown of
22 numerous legal barriers and the lessening of profound discrimination against African
23 Americans in this country; and,

24 WHEREAS, The courage and conviction of Rosa Parks laid the foundation for equal
25 rights for all Americans and for the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

1 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was the first woman to join the Montgomery chapter of the
2 NAACP, and was an active volunteer for the Montgomery Women's Political Caucus; and

3 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks is the recipient of many awards including the Presidential
4 Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal of
5 Honor, the highest honor Congress can bestow upon a civilian; and

6 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks dedicated her life to the cause of human rights and truly
7 embodies the love of humanity and freedom; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That all residents of the City and County of San Francisco to
9 join residents and citizens of the United States of America to recognize the outstanding honor
10 and tribute of the installation of a Statue of Rosa Parks within the U.S. Capitol Statuary Hall,
11 Washington D.C. on this occasion marking the 100th year of the birth of Rosa Parks; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco, hereby declares
13 Monday, February 4, 2013 Rosa Parks Day in San Francisco.

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