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**House Resolution**

**No. 5**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Yamada and Mitchell**

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House Resolution No. 5—Relative to the Commemoration of Rosa Parks' 100th birthday.

- 1 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in
- 2 Tuskegee, Alabama, the first child of James and Leona (Edwards)
- 3 McCauley; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Rosa Louise McCauley married Raymond Parks
- 5 on December 18, 1932; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks, tired after a long day's work as a
- 7 seamstress, was arrested on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery,
- 8 Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white
- 9 passenger; and

1 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to comply with  
2 Montgomery's segregation law was the impetus for the  
3 Montgomery Bus Boycott, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
4 which lasted 381 days and involved more than 40,000 African  
5 American Montgomery residents; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks is honored as the "Mother of the  
11 Modern Day Civil Rights Movement," because her quiet act of  
12 defiance began a movement that ended legal segregation in our  
13 country and made her an inspiration to freedom-loving people  
14 throughout the world; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was the first woman to join the  
19 Montgomery chapter of the NAACP, and was an active volunteer  
20 for the Montgomery Voters League; and

21 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks cofounded the Rosa and Raymond  
22 Parks Institute for Self Development in 1987 with Elaine Eason  
23 Steele to motivate and direct youth to achieve their highest potential  
24 through the "Pathways to Freedom" program; and

25 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was the recipient of many awards  
26 including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest  
27 civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor  
28 Congress can bestow upon a civilian, and the first International  
29 Freedom Conductor Award from the National Underground  
30 Railroad Freedom Center, among many other awards and honors;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks dedicated her life to the cause of human  
33 rights and truly embodied the love of humanity and freedom; and

34 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks passed away on October 24, 2005, and  
35 was the first woman to lie in state in the nation's capitol; and

36 WHEREAS, The people of the State of California are grateful  
37 for the bravery of Rosa Parks and her contribution to the civil  
38 rights movement; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the  
40 Assembly of the State of California hereby honors the 100th

- 1 birthday of Rosa Parks and urges all Californians to remember this
- 2 great American woman; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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