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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Remembers Mrs. Rosa Parks

Washington, DC -- The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights today remembers Rosa Louise McCauley Parks, a stalwart of the U.S. civil rights movement. Rosa Parks was born on February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama. On December 1, 1955, Mrs. Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white passenger. Her boldness inspired a movement toward justice and equality for all. While not the first to commit an act of civil disobedience, her courage sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which helped launch the civil rights movement in the United States.

“By refusing to sit in the back of the bus, she moved all of us forward as a nation. Because she defied an unjust law, she placed us on the path to greater justice. Rosa Parks is proof that anyone among us can change the system; that a voice can spark a movement; and that dignity is not something that can be taken away from an individual or a community without their acquiescence.” said Chairman Martin R. Castro.

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