



2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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1 **Relating to:** honoring Ms. Rosa Louise Parks for her lifelong dedication to equal
2 rights for all citizens, for her positive impact on American history, and for the
3 legacy of civil rights that she has left for us to defend.

4 Whereas, Rosa Louise Parks was born Rosa Louise McCauley on February 4,
5 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, and died on October 24, 2005, in Detroit, Michigan; and

6 Whereas, Rosa Parks is often referred to as the mother of the civil rights
7 movement; and

8 Whereas, a seamstress by trade, Rosa Parks participated in civil rights
9 activities, large and small, her entire life; and

10 Whereas, Rosa Parks became Secretary of the Montgomery NAACP in 1943,
11 the same year she was denied the right to register to vote the first of 2 times; and

12 Whereas, in 1945, Rosa Parks successfully registered to vote, achieving a
13 measure of equality in citizenship that would be undermined a decade later; and

14 Whereas, Rosa Parks was most well known for refusing to give up her seat on
15 a Montgomery bus in 1955; and

