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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6
2 BY SZYMONIAK, VILSACK, LLOYD-JONES, ROSENBERG,
3 GRONSTAL, HORN, CONNOLLY, DELUHERY, FINK, MURPHY,
4 KIBBIE, PATE, BENNETT, MADDOX, HEDGE, BORLAUG,
5 FRAISE, SORENSEN, STURGEON, RIFE, LIND, KRAMER,
6 and JENSEN
7 A Concurrent Resolution to honor Rosa Parks, Mother
8 of the Civil Rights Movement, on her 80th birthday,
9 February 4, 1993.
10 WHEREAS, Rosa Parks, the daughter of a teacher and
11 a carpenter, was born on February 4, 1913, in
12 Tuskegee, Alabama; and
13 WHEREAS, she learned at an early age from her
14 family and teachers that she was a person with dignity
15 and self-respect who could achieve success in life
16 through ambition and hard work; and
17 WHEREAS, she became secretary for the Montgomery,
18 Alabama chapter of the National Association for the
19 Advancement of Colored People in 1943; and
20 WHEREAS, the access to social and governmental
21 institutions was segregated for more than half of her
22 life, and she had to register three times to vote and
23 pay a poll tax before being allowed to vote in 1945;
24 and
25 WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, she decided not to
26 give in to oppression, and with quiet dignity refused
27 to give up her bus seat to a white man when the white
28 section of the bus became full, leading to her arrest,
29 but more importantly, leading to what Dr. Martin
30 Luther King, Jr. called a social revolution; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Montgomery bus boycott was called by
2 the Montgomery Improvement Association to coincide
3 with the day of her trial, and organized with the
4 assistance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was
5 elected president of the Montgomery Improvement
6 Association; and

7 WHEREAS, her case led to segregation being ruled
8 unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1956; and

9 WHEREAS, she continues to provide leadership and
10 assistance to the civil rights movement, and in 1987
11 founded the Robert and Rosa Parks Institute for Self
12 Development, an organization established to assist
13 young people in continuing their education and to
14 instill in them hope for the future; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
17 honor Rosa Parks, recognizing her strength, struggles,
18 and sacrifices as a pioneer in the civil rights
19 movement, on the occasion of her 80th birthday,
20 February 4, 1993.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
22 Senate send an official copy of this Resolution to
23 Rosa Parks.

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