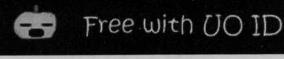


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Lawmakers considering final fate of Rosa Parks' remains

BY KEN THOMAS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Black civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks would become the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda under resolutions considered Thursday by lawmakers.

Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955 led to a 381-day boycott of the city's bus system and helped spark the modern civil rights movement. She died Monday in Detroit at age 92.

The Senate approved a resolution Thursday allowing her remains to lie in honor in the Rotunda on Sunday and Monday "so that the citizens of the United States may pay their last respects to this great American." The House was expected to consider the resolution Friday.

In most cases, only presidents, members of Congress and military commanders have been permitted to lie in the Rotunda.

Parks would be the first woman and second black American to receive the accolade. Jacob J. Chestnut, one of two Capitol police officers fatally shot in 1998, was

Halloween safety bags

campus organizations have been

distributing bags filled with con-

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Outreach Coordinator Cassandra Day

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Halloween riots, Day said.

community," she said.

student residents.

The bags are designed to "prevent

Halloween weekend.

wrote in an e-mail.

with police.

Student government and other

the first black American to lie in honor, said Senate historian Richard Baker.

Parks also would be the second non-governmental official to be commemorated that way. The remains of Pierre L'Enfant — the French-born architect who was responsible for the design of Washington, D.C. — stopped at the Capitol in 1909, 84 years after his death in 1825.

The most recent person to lie in repose in the Capitol was President Reagan in 2004.

Officials with the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in Detroit said at one point that Parks would lie in repose at the Lincoln Memorial. The National Park Service, however, said those plans were never formalized.

Lila Cabbil, the institute's president emeritus, said Thursday the information was released prematurely and the foundation and the Parks family were working with Reps. John Conyers and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Mich., and the White House to make arrangements to have a viewing in Washington.

The Capitol event was one of

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several planned to honor the civil rights pioneer. Parks will lie in repose Saturday at the St. Paul AME Church in Montgomery, Ala., and a memorial service will be held at the church Sunday morning.

Following her viewing in the Capitol, a memorial service was planned for Monday at St. Paul AME Church in Washington.

From Monday night until Wednesday morning, Parks will lie in repose at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Her funeral will be Wednesday at Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit.

Officials in Detroit and Montgomery, Ala., meanwhile, said the first seats of their buses would be reserved as a tribute to Parks' legacy until her funeral next week. Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick put a black ribbon Thursday on the first passenger seat of one of about 200 buses where seats will be reserved.

"We cannot do enough to pay tribute to someone who has so positively impacted the lives of millions across the world," Kilpatrick said.

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House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to the Supreme Court on Thursday after three weeks of brutal criticism from fellow conservatives. The Senate's top Republican predicted a replacement candidate within days.

Miers said she abandoned her quest for confirmation instead of giving in to Senate demands for documents and information detailing her private advice to the president.

Senior lawmakers on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they had made no such request. Instead, Republicans and Democrats said politics forced her to withdraw, particularly the demands of Republican conservatives who twice elected Bush and now seek to move the high court to the right on abortion and other issues.

"They had a litmus test and Harriet Miers failed that test," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.,

"In effect, she was denied due process by members of her own party," said Sen. John Warner, a Virginia Republican.

Bush, beset by poor poll ratings, an unpopular war in Iraq, high energy prices and the possibility of indictments of White House officials, offered no hint about his thinking on a new nominee. He pledged to make an appointment in a "timely manner."

White House aides await fate in CIA leak probe

WASHINGTON — Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald huddled with his legal team Thursday as two key White House aides awaited their fate in the CIA leak probe.

A spokesman for the prosecutor said there would be no public announcements Thursday. The term of the grand jury that could bring indictments expires Friday.

The White House braced for the possibility that Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, could become a criminal defendant by week's end. Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, remained in jeopardy of being charged with false statements.

Libby and Rove arrived for work at the White House on Thursday as usual. Rove attended the daily meeting of the senior staff, but Libby did not and was said to be in a security briefing. Libby misses senior staff about half the time because of intelligence briefings and other issues on Cheney's schedule, an official said.

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uate recorded his first Jewish rap track, "Go Down Moses, Let My People Flow," adapted from a traditional Jewish song. Gutstadt then shared it with Ritterman, who became the band's co-founder.

"We're very excited to have Jonathan back at Hillel," said Oregon Hillel Executive Director Hal Applebaum. "He was very involved with Hillel and when we discovered what he was doing with Hip-Hop Shabbat, we invited him to come up and perform."

As a regular at Shabbat services, Gutstadt credits his Hillel experience as the foundation for the group's album.

OJG's album includes the prayers from an entire Shabbat service, additional songs and some "Passover bonus tracks." The group performs at Hillels, synagogues and Jewish community centers in the Bay Area and has also played in Houston, Los Angeles and Oregon.

All OJG members have lived in Israel for an extended period of time to get in touch with their roots and traditions, said Ritterman.

"People from all generations can come out to see us," Ritterman said. "Some of the most positive feedback we've received has come from people in their 50s, 60s and 70s. It's not unusual to see everyone out of their seats shaking, dancing

and moving."

OJG members have encountered their share of people who weren't as receptive to their adaptations of traditional prayers.

"We were at a (Reform Judaism) summer camp in Oregon and some people were offended and walked out," Ritterman said. "We're actually learning as we go and singing these songs, we need to be careful of how we sing it."

For more information or to listen to the group's music, go to www.hiphopshabbat.com.

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