

Growing up with Segregation:



"Back in Montgomery during my growing up there, it was completely legally enforced racial segregation, and of course, I struggled against it for a long time. I felt that it was not right to be deprived of freedom when we were living in the Home of the Brave and Land of the Free. Of course, when I refused to stand up, on the orders of the bus driver, for a white passenger to take the seat, and I was not sitting in the front of the bus, as many people have said, and neither was

my feet hurting, as many people have said. But I made up my mind that I would not give in any longer to legally-imposed racial segregation and of course my arrest brought about the protests for more than a year. And in doing so, Dr. Martin Luther King became prominent because he was the leader of our protests along with many other people. And I'm very glad that this experience I had then brought about a movement that triggered across the United States and in other places." — Rosa Parks

Capitol to Erect Rosa Parks Statue

Decision by Congress unanimous

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On that day 50 years ago when Rosa Parks took her rightful place at the front of the bus, she knew that by sitting down she was standing up for us all. She didn't think that with that act she would make history. Her purpose was to make progress. In the simple act of refusing to be refused, she did.

After Rosa Parks' death last October, she again made history when tens of thousands of people filed up the steps of the Capitol to pay their final tribute. For the first woman in history to lie in honor, the Capitol was kept open all night. For a woman who was denied a seat at the front of the bus, people stood in line for hours to wait and pay their respects. To Rosa Parks, the Capitol, and the American people opened their arms.

In Congress we are blessed by the legacy of her vision. When Rosa Parks ignited the Montgomery Bus Boycott, there were only three African American members of Congress. Today there are 42. The Congressional Black Caucus is the conscience of America, blessed with the

presence of such civil rights leaders as John Lewis, Jim Clyburn and Eleanor Holmes Norton.

By straining, struggling, and striving, Rosa Parks helped create a country in which the color of one's skin does not determine where one sits: on a bus, at a lunch counter, or on the floor of the House of Representatives. The legacy of

the United States. With my colleague Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. leading the charge, this bill passed unanimously through the House and the Senate, and was signed into law by the President on Dec. 1. I am proud that Rosa Parks will return to the Capitol. So many young people will learn about her life and she will be a



Rosa Parks was considered the mother of the modern Civil Rights movement.

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Rosa Parks is in Montgomery, it is in Detroit, and I am proud to say, it is in the halls of the United States Capitol.

That is why, in tribute to Rosa Parks' vision and lasting impact on the history of our country, I pledged to those at her funeral in Detroit that there would be a statue of Rosa Parks in the Capitol of

model to them.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, of that day in Montgomery, Rosa Parks sat anchored to her seat, "by the accumulated indignities of days gone by, and the countless aspirations of generations yet unborn."

As we celebrate and remem-

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Celebrating 40 Years



Rosa Parks returned to Montgomery, Ala. in 1995, commemorating the historical boycott with children and other dignitaries 40 years later. The anniversary celebration included a tribute to Parks and a candlelight march. Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., joined Parks for the five-day event. The sons of three men who led the civil rights movement, Martin Luther King III, Ralph David Abernathy III and Jesse Jackson Jr., were also present.

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Everyday man.

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In 1879, a black man set a marathon record. In the late 19th century, when it was common practice for gamblers to bribe or threaten Black athletes into purposely losing events, Frank Hart flatly refused to be a pawn for their profit.

By 1879, Hart made sports history in a 6-day marathon event held at Madison Square Garden. At the end of the race, as Hart crossed the finish line, the huge crowd rose to give him a standing ovation. Never before, in any sporting event, had a Black athlete been awarded so much prize money or been received with such a warm welcome by fans both black and white, alike.

Frank Hart, the unsung hero of marathon champions, is a true Black Jewel in sports history.

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