



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1983

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

- WHEREAS: Rosa L. Parks, known as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement", arrived in Cambridge this week for ceremonies dedicating the former Webster School in her name; and
- WHEREAS: Both she and her late husband Raymond were extremely active in the civil rights movement, participating in early voter registration drives and in the Montgomery Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP); and
- WHEREAS: Rosa Parks is well-known for an incident on the bus coming home from work as a tailor's helper at a Montgomery Department Store, where she refused to give up her seat for a white man, an action which prompted a year-long Montgomery bus boycott; and
- WHEREAS: This boycott resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling which outlawed segregation on public transportation and became a rallying point for the growth of the civil rights movement in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Rosa Parks has remained active in the civil rights movement and as such has been honored by various groups throughout this nation including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which sponsors the annual Rosa Parks Freedom Award; and
- WHEREAS: During 1978 the National Committee for a Rosa L. Parks Shrine was established to build a home for the Parks family and for a museum and conference center in Detroit where she now lives; and
- WHEREAS: Widowed in 1977, Mrs. Parks now serves as an assistant in the district office of U.S. Representative John Coyners, Jr.,; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record commending Mrs. Rosa Parks for her outstanding contributions in the civil rights movement; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for Mrs. Rosa Parks on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order # 1

S-552

C. Graham re: resolutions on Mrs. Rosa Parks
and her contributions to the civil rights
movement.

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