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# S. CON. RES. 44

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Rosa Louise McCauley Parks.

Whereas Rosa Parks was born Rosa Louise McCauley in Tuskegee, Alabama, on February 4, 1913, and died on October 25, 2005;

Whereas Rosa Parks was an African American civil rights activist and seamstress whom Congress dubbed the “Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement”;

Whereas Rosa Parks refused on December 1, 1955, to obey bus driver James Blake’s demand that she relinquish her

seat to a white man and her subsequent arrest and trial for this act of civil disobedience triggered the Montgomery Bus Boycott, one of the largest and most successful mass movements against racial segregation in history, and launched Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the organizers of the boycott, to the forefront of the civil rights movement;

Whereas Rosa Parks's role in American history earned her an iconic status in American culture, and her actions have left an enduring legacy for civil rights movements around the world;

Whereas through her role in sparking the boycott, Rosa Parks played an important part in internationalizing the awareness of the plight of African Americans and the civil rights struggle; and

Whereas Rosa Parks epitomized the struggle of everyday people trying to make a difference, as she took a stand against injustice and inequality: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3            (1) a commemorative postage stamp should be  
4        issued by the United States Postal Service honoring  
5        Rosa Louise McCauley Parks;

6            (2) the provision requiring that an honoree  
7        must have died at least 5 years before this honor  
8        can be bestowed upon them, excepting Presidents of  
9        the United States, should be waived; and

1           (3) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
2           should recommend to the Postmaster General that  
3           such a stamp be issued.

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