

Activist

# Rosa Parks

In 1913, in a city called Tuskegee in Alabama, a great woman was born, it's Rosa Parks. This woman quickly became an emblematic figure of the fight against racial inequalities. At 19, Rosa Parks married Raymond Parks, a member of an association fighting for the rights of Blacks, she also joined this association. She fought for the recognition of equal rights between Blacks and Whites, so that there would be no more differences between them. She is a symbol of the fight, indeed on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger, resulting in her arrest which provoked a wave of protest. A young pastor in the town, Martin Luther King, is organising a bus boycott movement. The Montgomery bus boycott is considered to be one of the key movement actions of the Civil Rights movement. For a year, blacks refused to take the bus.

Rosa Parks is seen as a symbol of the struggle for equality and justice, She has been given the nickname "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement". In 1996, Rosa Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and in 1999 was given the Congressional Gold Medal. Following her death in 2005, she became the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

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**“I would like to be known as a person who is concerned about freedom and equality and justice and prosperity for all people.”**

**— Rosa Parks**

