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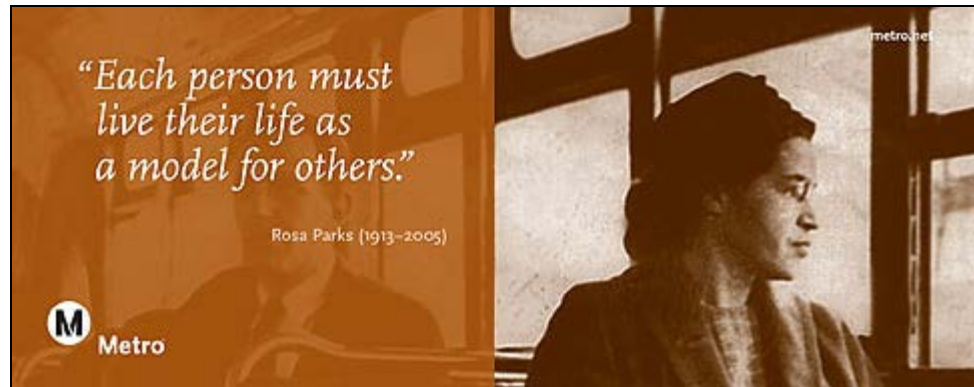
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## Metro to Honor Civil Rights Pioneer Rosa Parks at Thursday Ceremony

By JIMMY STROUP

(Nov. 29, 2005) Metro will mark the 50th anniversary of a defining moment in civil rights history, Thursday, with the unveiling of a bus card poster commemorating the life of Rosa Parks.

CEO Roger Snoble will host the 10 a.m. event, which will be held on the Plaza at the entrance to the Gateway Building. The event will include a 1950s era bus and a high-tech Metro Liner.

The commemorative car cards will be placed at the front of 2,200 Metro buses starting on the Dec. 1 anniversary of Parks' refusal to relinquish her seat in the front of the bus and move to the rear as required by the segregation laws then in force in Montgomery, Ala.

Her act sparked a 381-day boycott of that city's bus system and a wave of similar non-violent protests across the nation.

The posters feature a vintage picture of Parks seated on a bus and a quote: "Each person must live their life as a model for others."

"Many transit agencies in the United States are looking for ways to honor Rosa Parks on the anniversary of her refusal to give up her seat," said Warren Morse, deputy executive officer, Communications.

"We feel that this is a very appropriate and tasteful way to salute and honor her," he said. "She stands as an example that an individual can do something to affect change."

The 1999 recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, Parks was 92 when she died Oct. 24 at her home in Detroit.