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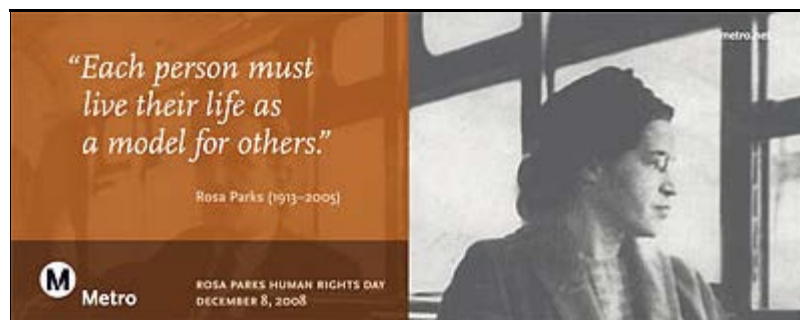
Members of Metro's African American Employees Association, from left, Keith Hanson, Edith Goff-Youngblood, Sherman Gay, Susan Dove and Keith Compton meet at Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station to pass out posters and smiles commemorating Rosa Parks Human Rights Day on Dec. 1. *Photos by Juan Ocampo*

Metro Honors Rosa Parks with First Annual Rosa Parks Human Rights Day on 53rd Anniversary of Her Civil Rights Protest

By KIM UPTON

(Dec. 4, 2008) It wasn't a bus that started it but a bus was certainly the setting, so it is fitting, then, that Metro Board has declared today -- the date Rosa Parks refused to surrender her bus seat to a white male passenger -- Rosa Parks Human Rights Day.

Metro salutes her by placing beautiful art posters commemorating her courage on buses as a reminder of who she was and what she represents. The posters were also distributed during a ceremony at the Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station.



The posters – designed by Metro Creative Director Michael Lejeune – display a photo of Rosa Parks along with her words.

"With one quiet and dignified act, Rosa Parks propelled a movement. It's a lesson to us all to remain strong in support of what we believe" said Linda Wright, Metro Deputy Executive Officer for Diversity and Economic Opportunity.

The poster installation on Metro buses began Nov. 15 and will continue through Mid-December.

The posters – designed by Metro Creative Director Michael Lejeune – display a photo of Rosa Parks along with her words:

"Each person must live their life as a model for others."

This is not Metro's first salute to Parks. On March 20, 1998, the Imperial/Wilmington Metro Rail station was dedicated to her to mark her contribution to modern civil rights.



The posters give passengers pause as they board a modern-day bus and, for a moment, wonder what it was like to say no to arrogance, just this once.