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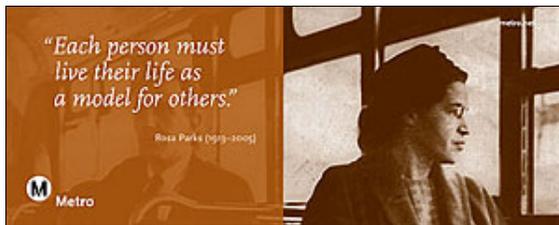
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Metro Honors Rosa Parks with Special Bus Posters on 50th Anniversary of Her Civil Rights Protest

It wasn't a bus that started it all but a bus was certainly the setting. It is fitting, then, that today, on the 50th anniversary of Rosa Parks' refusal to surrender her bus seat to a white male passenger, Metro salutes her by placing beautiful art posters commemorating the event on all buses as a reminder of who she was and what she gave us. Parks died Oct. 24 at the age of 92.

"A bus was Rosa Parks' stage for the dignified disobedience that launched a movement and so we wanted to, in a modest and respectful way, salute her on our buses with a poster heralding her courage and her achievement," said Metro CEO Roger Snoble.

Speakers included Snoble and Metro executive Dana Coffee -- an African American woman who rose through the ranks, the perfect example of the movement Parks inspired -- and Metro Maintenance Supervisor Arthur Winston, 99, a transit employee for nearly 72 years and a contemporary of Parks. They were joined by Caltrans District 7 Executive Director Doug Failing and other Metro and city representatives.

As an illustration of America's technical as well as social development over the past 50 years, two buses were displayed at the commemoration at Metro Headquarters in downtown Los Angeles, a new 60-foot Metro Liner and a 1955-era bus. The poster installation on all 2,200 Metro buses began today and will continue for the next two weeks.

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." Rosa Parks 1913 - 2005

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

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