

The Henry Ford Honors Rosa Parks on 100th Birthday with National Day of Courage

Day-long tribute takes place Feb. 4, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. inside Henry Ford Museum.

Dearborn, Mich. ([PRWEB](#)) January 04, 2013 -- On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a 42-year-old African American woman who worked as a seamstress, inspired a social movement when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. That singular act of courage helped spark the Civil Rights Movement and a new era in the American quest for freedom and equality. On Feb. 4, 2013, The Henry Ford will acknowledge Rosa Park's 100th birthday and her inspiring life through a National Day of Courage, encouraging every American to take a stand and commit themselves to do something courageous just as Mrs. Parks did back on that day in 1955.

The day-long celebration taking place inside Henry Ford Museum will feature nationally-recognized speakers, live music, and dramatic presentations. Current scheduled speakers include American social activist and leader in the Civil Rights Movement Julian Bond, contributing Newsweek editor Eleanor Clift, Rosa Parks biographer Douglas Brinkley, author and Rosa Parks biographer Jeanne Theoharis and author and Wayne State University Assistant Professor Danielle McGuire.

Guests in attendance will also have the opportunity to take a seat on the Rosa Parks bus, which is on permanent display inside the Museum. In honor of the event, admission to Henry Ford Museum is free courtesy of Target and the museum will extend its hours of operation until 9:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend the day's events in-person, Detroit Public Television will be providing a live national broadcast via satellite and across the Internet. Visitors to The Henry Ford's Facebook page can also participate by sharing what they have the courage to do in honor of Rosa Parks' birthday on Feb. 4.

Rosa Parks National Day of Courage is sponsored by Target, Xfinity, and the USA Network's Characters Unite Public Service campaign. For more information on National Day of Courage events please visit www.dayofcourage.org.

About The Henry Ford:

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