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LLBC Extends Condolences to the Family of Rosa Parks

The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus would like to express our sincerest condolences on the passing of Mrs. Rosa Parks. Our hearts are saddened today to learn of the passing of the mother of the Civil Rights Movement. During a time in America's history of civil and social unrest, Mrs. Parks exhibited strength, bravery, humility and courage under fire. Her refusal to be treated as a second-class citizen on a Montgomery bus in 1955 was the precursor to the Civil Rights Movement. This simple act of defiance has inspired generations to stand up for inequalities and racial injustices everywhere.

The life and legacy of Mrs. Parks will never be forgotten and will always be embedded in America's history. Americans, particularly the African-American community, will always celebrate the life and legacy of Mrs. Rosa Parks, an American hero.

We pray that God will strengthen your family as you cope with the passing of a civil rights pioneer. Please know that we as well as the nation will be praying for your family.

Sincerely,

Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus