HOUSE BILL 82

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By: **Delegate Conaway**
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2007
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **State Holiday – Rosa Parks's Birthday**

3   FOR the purpose of making a certain date the legal State holiday commemorating
4   Rosa Parks's birthday; and providing that Rosa Parks's birthday is a paid
5   holiday for State employees.

6   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation
8   Section 27
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

11   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12   Article – State Personnel and Pensions
13   Section 9–201
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

16   Preamble

17   WHEREAS, Rosa Louise Parks was a civil rights activist whom the United
18   States Congress dubbed the "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement"; and

19   WHEREAS, Rosa Parks is famous for her refusal to obey a demand from bus
20   driver James Blake to relinquish her seat to a white passenger; and

1   WHEREAS, Her subsequent arrest and trial for this act triggered the
2 Montgomery Bus Boycott, one of the largest and most successful mass movements
3 against racial discrimination in history; and

4   WHEREAS, Rosa Parks received numerous awards, including the Presidential
5 Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, the Spingarn Medal, and the Rosa
6 Parks Peace Prize; and

7   WHEREAS, In order to celebrate and commemorate the life of Rosa Parks and
8 the outstanding contributions she made to American life, history, and culture; now,
9 therefore,

10   SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12   **Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation**

13 27.

14   (a)   In this Code and any rule, regulation, or directive adopted under it, "legal
15 holiday" means:

16   (1)   January 1, for New Year's Day;

17   (2)   January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, unless the
18 United States Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in
19 which case, the day designated by the United States Congress;

20   (3)   **FEBRUARY 4, FOR ROSA PARKS'S BIRTHDAY;**

21   **(4)**   February 12, for Lincoln's birthday;

22   **[**(4)**] (5)**   The third Monday in February, for Washington's birthday;

23   **[**(5)**] (6)**   March 25, for Maryland Day;

24   **[**(6)**] (7)**   Good Friday;

25   **[**(7)**] (8)**   May 30, for Memorial Day, unless the United States
26 Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case,
27 the day designated by the United States Congress;

1   **[**(8)**] (9)** July 4, for Independence Day;

2   **[**(9)**] (10)** The first Monday in September, for Labor Day;

3   **[**(10)**] (11)** September 12, for Defenders' Day;

4   **[**(11)**] (12)** October 12, for Columbus Day, unless the United States
5 Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case,
6 the day designated by the United States Congress;

7   **[**(12)**] (13)** November 11, for Veterans' Day;

8   **[**(13)**] (14)** The fourth Thursday in November, for Thanksgiving Day;

9   **[**(14)**] (15)** December 25, for Christmas Day;

10   **[**(15)**] (16)** Each statewide general election day in this State; and

11   **[**(16)**] (17)** Each other day that the President of the United States or
12 the Governor designates for general cessation of business.

13 (b) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Code, a legal holiday shall
14 be observed on:

15   (1) The date specified in subsection (a) of this section for the legal
16 holiday; and

17   (2) If that date falls on a Sunday, on the next Monday after that date.

18   **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

19 9–201.

20 In this title, "employee holiday" includes:

21   (1) January 1, for New Year's Day;

22   (2) January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, unless the
23 United States Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in
24 which case, the day designated by the United States Congress;

25   (3) **FEBRUARY 4, FOR ROSA PARKS'S BIRTHDAY;**

1   **(4)**   the third Monday in February, for Presidents' Day;

2   **[**(4)**] (5)**   May 30, for Memorial Day, unless the United States
3   Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case,
4   the day designated by the United States Congress;

5   **[**(5)**] (6)**   July 4, for Independence Day;

6   **[**(6)**] (7)**   the first Monday in September, for Labor Day;

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8   Congress designates another day for observance of that legal holiday, in which case,
9   the day designated by the United States Congress;

10   **[**(8)**] (9)**   November 11, for Veterans' Day;

11   **[**(9)**] (10)**   the fourth Thursday in November, for Thanksgiving Day;

12   **[**(10)**] (11)**   the Friday after Thanksgiving Day;

13   **[**(11)**] (12)**   December 25, for Christmas Day;

14   **[**(12)**] (13)**   each statewide general election day in this State; and

15   **[**(13)**] (14)**   each other day that the President of the United States or the
16   Governor designates for general cessation of business.

17   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18   October 1, 2007.