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Supervisor Rubio Honors Rosa Parks

Bakersfield - Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio is pleased to work collaboratively with Golden Empire Transit (GET) and CEO Chester Moland to honor civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks. Ms. Parks passed away on Monday, October 24, 2005 in Detroit at the age of 92 and will be laid to rest tomorrow, November 2, 2005.

Upon learning of her unfortunate passing, Supervisor Rubio contacted GET management to devise a way to bestow respect and honor on this remarkable woman here in Bakersfield and Kern County. The Supervisor will install a black ribbon on a designated front seat of all 78 GET buses in operation. The ribbon will read "In Memory of Rosa Parks" appearing in gold lettering. This symbolic sign of appreciation for Rosa Parks will remain on the buses from **Wednesday, November 2, 2005 through Friday, November 4, 2005.**

Rosa Parks is best known for refusing to give up her seat in the front of a public transit bus to a white man in 1955. This event sparked even greater attempts for racial equality throughout the United States and ushered in an era of civil consciousness in the late 1950's and the 1960's. It also led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the ultimate desegregation of public transit bus system in Alabama by a landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court.

"Rosa Parks truly was the 'mother' of the civil rights movement," said Supervisor Rubio. "It is incumbent on us to remember the many struggles that she and others at the start of the movement had to overcome. The civil rights we enjoy today as Americans come as a result of the hard work and diligence that men and women like Rosa Parks embodied throughout the 20th Century. I am proud to stand side-by-side with Golden Empire Transit to duly honor this amazing woman."