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AGENDA #3a(5)

December 1, 2005

Mr. Kurt Neufang, Interim Director
Chapel Hill Transit
1089 Martin Luther King Blvd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mr. Neufang:

Today, local leaders are hosting a bus ride and rally to remember Civil Rights leader Rosa Parks. It is a moving and appropriate way to remind us all—young and old, black and white, gay and straight—of the great contribution this strong woman made to our country. Her willingness to take a stand changed America for the better and inspired subsequent generations to insist on equal treatment of all Americans regardless of race, gender, creed, handicap, and sexual orientation.

To honor this great American woman, I propose that Chapel Hill Transit install small memorial plaques on the first seats on your buses that say, simply,

**Rosa Parks
1913-2005**

We all know the history of Mrs. Parks—her expectation that all should be treated with respect, her demand for equal treatment under the law, and her reminder to a nation that all Americans are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

This simple memorial, adhered to the first seat on the first row of your buses, would make a statement that we haven't forgotten and that we won't forget. Americans should be reminded every day that a right as simple as where one can sit has not always been respected in our country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Nelson
Mayor

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cc: Cal Horton
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