CIVIL RIGHTS ICON ROSA PARKS DIES

**ROSA PARKS, the icon of the Civil Rights Movement has died** aged 92.

**Her refusal to give up her seat to a white man on an Alabama bus in 1955 started a revolution in the US Civil Rights Movement.**

She was **one of the first people to challenge America’s segregation laws**.

Miss PARKS passed away in her sleep at her home in Detroit. She suffered from the effects of old age in recent years and was rarely seen in public.

**The mayor of Detroit praised her courage and strength**, he said she was **a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement**, he also said just **by a simple act of sitting down she stood up for so many people.**

Miss PARKS is called **the mother of the Civil Rights Movement**.

In 1955 she was a 42 year-old department store worker in Montgomery Alabama. S**he caught a bus and sat down. Soon after, a white man got on and had to stand. The law required black passengers to make room for white passengers. Miss PARKS refused to move** saying :  « No, **I’m tired of being treated like a second class citizen**». She was **arrested and fined $10**.

This incident **sparked the famous bus boycott** that lasted 381 days. It also led to **the end of the segregation laws throughout America’s south**.