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Church of Scientology National Affairs Office Hosts National Action Network Tribute to Rosa Parks

National Action Network Black History Month event held at the Fraser Mansion in Washington, D.C.

The National Action Network held a tribute to Rosa Parks February 28, 2013, at the Church of Scientology National Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. Organized by Pastor Lennox Abrigo of the Seventh-Day New Covenant Church, in coordination with National Affairs Office staff, the event was the culmination of Black History Month observances.

The civil disobedience of Rosa Parks in 1955, that sent her to jail for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus triggered the year-long Montgomery Bus Boycott and signaled a new era in the American civil rights movement. Parks (1913-2005) received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor in 1999 inscribed with "Mother of the Modern Day Civil Rights Movement."

Located in the historic Fraser Mansion near Dupont Circle in northwest Washington, D.C., the Church of Scientology National Affairs Office houses facilities for meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops and events to promote

collaboration on solutions to society's greatest challenges. Its establishment in September 2012 was necessitated by the Church's unprecedented worldwide growth and commensurate demand for Church-sponsored programs.

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L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "Human rights must be made a fact, not an idealistic dream." The Code of a Scientologist calls on all members of the religion to dedicate themselves "to support true humanitarian endeavors in the fields of human rights."

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