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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Friends,

To the Ross family, award recipients, sponsors, friends, and all participants in the 13th annual Harriett Tubman Day celebrations, I send you greetings on behalf of Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown and the people of Maryland. This year's theme is "Harriett the Humanitarian."

Harriett Tubman was a courageous woman who believed in the dignity of every individual and she stepped out on the faith that through her own actions, she could make a difference. Even though it has been 100 years since the passing of Harriett Tubman, we have a responsibility to share her experiences, her struggles and her triumphs with our children. By telling our kids the story of "The Conductor of the Underground Railroad" we can show them that as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, the arc of history bends towards justice.

The Maryland General Assembly passed a resolution in March 2000 designating March 10th as Harriett Tubman Day in Maryland. Each year, the African American Tourism Council of Maryland (AATC) hosts statewide tributes to Mrs. Tubman in Baltimore City and the counties of Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Kent, Howard, Prince Georges, Frederick, Charles, Dorchester and Wicomico.

We applaud the AATC and its' President, Louis C. Fields for the council's continued commitment and dedication to preserving and sharing Maryland's African American History. Best wishes for a spirited Harriett Tubman Day of Remembrance and I encourage all Marylanders to join in the celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin O'Malley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martin O'Malley
Governor



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 8, 2013

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI
MARYLAND

Mr. Louis C. Fields, President
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Dear Mr. Fields & Friends:

Today we pause to mark the 100th anniversary of Harriet Ross Tubman's passing and to reflect on her life's work. To honor her during Women's History Month 2013, I have joined with the Congressional Black Caucus, NOW, the Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women and my colleagues to pass the Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act. We want to tell the story of a great American hero, freedom fighter and inspiration to us all.

Harriet Tubman, the most famous and important conductor on the Underground Railroad changed lives and changed our great nation. Among the most daring and brave of the freedom fighters from Maryland, she resolved to run away, navigating the Shore's tidal streams and wetlands, heading due north. But as we know, Harriet Tubman returned more than a dozen times to lead many other slaves to safety.

That is why I joined with others who admired and respected Harriet's story to fight for this bill to establish two Harriet Tubman Parks - one in Auburn, New York where she lived in freedom and one on Eastern Shore where she was born into slavery. But since freedom and equality also about economic opportunity and security, this project is also about jobs - construction jobs today and tourism jobs tomorrow. This new park will help the local economy including small businesses in Cambridge and along Route 50.

So what would Harriet be doing today? What would she want us to be doing today? I believe she'd want us to continue her fight for equality and social justice. She'd be so proud that Barack Obama is in the White House. She would be proud that he chose to work with Lilly Ledbetter and me on his first piece of legislation to end paycheck discrimination and to guarantee equal pay for equal work to level the playing field for women..

She'd be so proud that we ended gender discrimination in health care so women no longer pay 40% more than men for the same health care, so no longer will women be denied coverage for having had a C-section or because they were a victim of domestic violence. No longer will simply being a woman be a pre-existing condition!

But it's not only about honoring the past. It's about learning from the past and inspiring the future. The story of Harriet Tubman inspires us to act today and to claim equality and social justice for the future of all our children. Let us renew our efforts today.

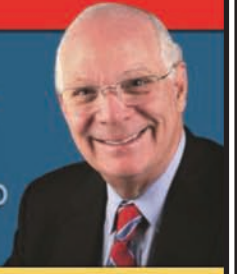
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Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator



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March 8, 2013

Dear Friends:

Harriet Ross Tubman is a Maryland heroine and icon. She was born a slave in Dorchester County and risked her life to shepherd hundreds of slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. As the most famous “conductor” of the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman was a courageous freedom fighter who made a tremendous contribution to our nation.

March 10th marks the 100th anniversary of her death, and I particularly want to thank the African American Tourism Council of Maryland for organizing today’s *Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance* program. It is most fitting that we remember and honor the legacy of Harriet Tubman. Along with U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland and Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, I have introduced legislation, S. 267, to honor the life of Harriet Ross Tubman by creating two national historical parks in her name.

The National Historical Park in Maryland will trace her early life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where she was born and later escaped from slavery to become a leader on the Underground Railroad. The National Historical Park in New York will be located in Auburn and will focus on Tubman’s later years where she was active in the women’s suffrage movement and in providing for the welfare of aged African Americans.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate Barbara Tagger on receiving the African American Tourism Council’s 2013 Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Tagger understands the historical importance of Harriet Tubman’s legacy, and she has been invaluable in helping to plan and develop the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park Initiative.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Cardin".

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

STATE OF MARYLAND

13th Annual Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance
Honoring Harriet Ross Tubman Centennial

Friday, March 8, 2013

Maryland House of Delegates, Room 170, 11:00am-2:00pm, Annapolis, MD

Dedication: To Delegate Hattie Harrison, Delegate Ruth Kirk, Evelyn Townsend, Verna Day, Rachel Hall Brown

PROGRAM

Welcome..... Ms. Henri Daniels

Reading of Governor's Tubman Proclamation..... Tony White
Director of Communications, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

Occasion..... Louis C. Fields
Founder, Tubman Day in MD (2000)

Remarks..... **Members of Maryland General Assembly**
Senator Richard Colburn, Delegates Adelaide Eckardt, Rudolph Kane, Jeannie Haddaway-Ricco, Adrienne Jones

Presentation of 2013 Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Award..... Louis C. Fields

Recipient..... *Ms. Barbara Tagger, NPS, Program Manager*

Remarks

Secretary John Griffin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Secretary Alvin Collins, Maryland Department of General Services

Remarks

Patricia Ross Hawkins, Descendant of Harriet Ross Tubman
Rosemary Sadler, President, Ontario Black History Society, Toronto, Canada
Dr. Bradley Skelcher, Associate Provost, Delaware State University

Harriet Tubman Arrives..... **Angela Roberts, Griot Association of MD, NPS**
..... **Edna Lawrence, Griot Association of MD**

Remarks

Ms. Kimberly Dumpson, Esq, CFRE, Vice-President, Institutional Advancement, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Dr. LaVonne Leslie Jackson, Professor of African American History, Howard University
Dr. Dale Greenwood Green, Assistant Professor, Chair, Historic Preservation Program, Morgan State University

Closing Remarks..... Louis C. Fields President, *African American Tourism Council of MD, Inc.*

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BARBARA TAGGER

Recipient of the 2013 Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award

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Ms. Tagger spoke on Harriet Tubman on C-Span on October 5, 2011. See African American and the Civil War, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History.

For over 30 years Barbara Tagger has served as a historian within the Division of Interpretation and Education at the National Park Service (NPS). She is presently serving as the Park Manager for the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March of 1965 National Historic Trail in Selma, Alabama. Barbara Tagger serves as a historian in the Division of Interpretation and Education of the National Park Service (NPS) Southeast Region office located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Previously, Ms. Tagger is also on a special detail duty assignment with the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service, and is acting as the interim project manager for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park (HTUGRR) Initiative. As a part of this collaboration, Barbara is assisting with the planning and development of the interpretive exhibits, overseeing the development of interpretive publications, programming, educational activities, and multimedia programs as well as representing the National Park Service and the Maryland Park Service as a community relations liaison for the state park.

As a professional research historian and preservationist, she has taken part in the creation, development, and management of several park units in the national park system. These park units include the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site (1982-1990); the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March National Historic Trail (1991-1993); the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (1998-1999); and the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program (1992- present). Moreover, Barbara has been recruited as a specialized historic preservation and interpretive advisor for a variety of special resource studies, national historic landmark studies, and newly developed park units. She, furthermore, had the distinct privilege of serving as the acting superintendent for the Tuskegee Institute National Park, Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights National Historic Trail, and Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (October 2009).

Besides her duties as a research historian for the National Park Service, Barbara has acted as Instructor of History at Morehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, and Emory University where she taught courses in World History, African American History, United States History, and American Studies respectively. She has lectured extensively throughout the United States and the Caribbean (U.S. Virgin Islands; Bahamas Islands) on a variety topics pertaining to African American history and historic preservation. She has spoken to community organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies on a wide range of themes related to, historic preservation, National Park Service programs and career opportunities. Moreover, Barbara has written numerous articles and essays on the historic preservation and interpretation of African American history that has appeared in National Park Service and professional publications.

These works include: “The Beauty of Sweet Auburn”; “They Came to Fight: An Overview of the Black Civil War Soldier in Vicksburg, Mississippi”; “Bound for the Promised Land: The Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program”; and “Interpreting African American Women’s History through Historic Landscapes, Structures, and Commemorative Sites”.

In addition to the numerous outstanding and special achievement honors she has collected throughout her professional career, in October 2002, Barbara received the coveted William C. Everhart award for her sustained achievements in interpretation and fostering an appreciation of cultural and historic heritage within the National Park Service.

Aside from her work as a professional historian and preservationist, Barbara has volunteered her services in developing interpretive programs and exhibits on the African American experience for the African American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African Culture and History in Atlanta, Georgia; she also served as a founding member of the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission. As a doctoral student at Emory University, Barbara was selected to attend a three-week seminar in London, England to study the English Heritage Program, a cultural heritage and historic preservation program managed by the British government.

Ms. Tagger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in United States History and Political Science at Howard University, Washington, D.C (1980); a Master of Arts Degree in United States History with a specialization in African American History at Atlanta University (1984). She attended Emory University, Atlanta, GA as a doctoral student (ABD) in the Institute of Liberal Arts Program, specializing in urban history, African American Studies and historic preservation.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS
SEVENTH DISTRICT
MARYLAND



March 8, 2013

Dear Friends:

I am writing to extend greetings to you as you celebrate the 13th Annual State of Maryland Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance.

Harriet Ross Tubman, a daughter of Maryland, was an extraordinary woman. She escaped from slavery, risked her life to lead her family and many other slaves to freedom, was a successful conductor on the Underground Railroad, served in the Union Army during the Civil War and, in her later years, opened a home for the elderly.

Harriet Tubman's selfless and courageous acts earned her the title of "The Moses of Her People." This year marks the 100th anniversary of her passing; and there will be a variety of celebrations to honor this brave and caring hero. Harriett Tubman's life and work continue to inspire countless people.

Congratulations to Ms. Barbara Tagger, the recipient of the 2013 Harriett Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Tagger is currently sharing her expertise with the National Park Service, the Maryland Park Service, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park initiative and the Harriet Tubman Discovery Center.

By her personal example, Harriet Ross Tubman taught us to labor for freedom.

I commend the Harriet Ross Tubman Family, Mr. Louis C. Fields, president of the African American Tourism Council of Maryland, sponsors, advertisers, and supporters who have encouraged us to pause and commemorate the life of Harriet Ross Tubman.

Sincerely,

Elijah E. Cummings
Member of Congress

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February 20, 2013

It is a privilege and an honor to take part in the commemoration of the extraordinary life and legacy of Maryland's own Ms. Harriet Ross Tubman. While her incredible influence is certainly felt worldwide, the roots she established in Dorchester County are a particular source of pride for anyone with ties to the Eastern Shore.

As we remember the legacy of Harriet Tubman, we evaluate one of the more eventful and courageous lives ever lived. Born into slavery in Dorchester County, Tubman helped hundreds of slaves escape to freedom along the Underground Railroad, without ever having lost a passenger. Tubman's unceasing courage and heroic deeds led to a \$40,000 bounty for her capture by 1856. Despite the extreme danger she continuously encountered, Harriet Tubman's spirit never wavered. She would later go on to play an instrumental role in the Union's victory in the Civil War, serving as a cook, nurse, and spy for Northern troops.

While March 10, 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of Harriet Tubman's passing, her influence remains strong to this day thanks to the tireless efforts of the African American Tourism Council of MD, Inc. and others. On March 8, 2013, the Council will be hosting its 13th annual State of Maryland Harriet Ross Tubman Remembrance Day. I applaud their efforts and look forward to remembering the heroic sacrifices made by Harriet Tubman.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Colburn".

Richard F. Colburn

ADRIENNE A. JONES
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Dear Friends,

Highest accolades for the selection of Ms. Barbara Tagger as the recipient for the 2013 Harriet Ross Tubman Lifetime Achievement Award. Your 30 years of committed service as a historian within the Division of Interpretation and Education at the National Park Service (NPS) is commendable.

As the 2010 beneficiary of the award, I am privileged to be among the legacy of great women in our rich African American history. Harriet Tubman is widely recognized as an American hero who shepherded numerous slaves to freedom. The 100th anniversary of the passing of Harriet Ross Tubman is March 10th and is recognized as the official Tubman Day in Maryland.

Congratulations to the African American Tourism Council of MD, Inc. for organizing and hosting the 13th annual State of Maryland Harriet Ross Tubman Day of Remembrance! The Maryland House of Delegates is honored to be the location for the free event program. I am proud to support your mission to research, document, preserve and promote Maryland's African American History & Culture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne A. Jones".

Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker Pro Tempore



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HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN

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