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## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S CLAUDETTE COLVIN HOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Claudette Colvin House in Montgomery to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

The Claudette Colvin House is listed in the Alabama Register for its association with the Civil Rights Movement, and in particular as being the childhood home of Claudette Colvin. "Claudette Colvin, a 15 year old student at Booker T. Washington High School, refused to give up her seat on a city bus on March 2, 1955, nine months before the Rosa Parks incident," said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission. Colvin was a plaintiff in the federal court case, *Browder v. Gayle*, that affirmed the City of Montgomery's segregation codes violated the Fourteenth amendment.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission**, the **State Historic Preservation Office**.*

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