

*Mrs. Idessa Carter Redden*

("THE LONG WALK HOME",  
STARRING WHOOP! GOLDBERG),

will be a  
Guest Speaker  
In the  
Media Center

**Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at 11:30 am,**

**Mrs. Idesa Carter Redden (age 89)** will speak to my Third Block A.P. History Class concerning her part in the historic Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery Alabama. Beginning in the 1950's, Mrs. Redden was motivated to become an integral part in the Movement that changed the South, the nation, the world and human rights for all mankind. Please allow my students to attend with presentation of their passes. Thank you.

- B. Smith Giles, Room 14

*April 16, 2002*

*Ms. Barbara Smith Jiles and Class  
Carver Senior High School  
2001 West Fairview Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36108*

*Dear Ms. Barbara Smith Jiles,*

*Thank you for inviting me to speak to your class. I enjoyed the opportunity. Also, to each of the students who wrote me, I appreciate you letting me know how much you enjoyed what I said to you. I am glad to know that something I said touched the lives of youth, especially so many young African-Americans.*

*I have been telling people about the nice letters you wrote to me. Some of them were also very colorful with art. It made me feel good.*

*Again, thanks to each of you. May God continue to bless and keep you.*

*Sincerely,*

  
*Ms. Idessa Redden*

Cassandra Powell  
3328 Linceford St  
March 1, 2002

Mrs. I.W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery AL

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I would like to thank you for the speech that you presented to our class. It really helped me to understand more about my past. It help me to comprehend everything that I didn't know about African History. It was so important for me to hear this speech because I needed to know more about my ancestors and the struggle they had to endure to help us to become free today, so thank you very much.

Thanks,  
Cassandra Powell

Courtney Tho.  
3428 Weaver A.  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. I. W. Reddens  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Alabama

A Long walk  
HOME

Dear Mrs. Redden,

You are a very passionate, well-spoken, individual. I was stunned at how vivid your memory was. You are one of the reasons why we have excelled in many fields. You expressed to us all of your emotions. We, as a whole, were inspired by your presence. Your voice uplifted our small hearts, and helped us visualize what you went through. You are a very loving person, and we would like to you to visit us again.

Sincerely,

Courtney Thon

Tangilyn Brown  
4224 Gateway Dr.  
Montgomery, Ala  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. I W Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Mondag., Ala

Dear Mrs. Redden:

I enjoyed your visit to our class. I would like to thank you for sharing your experiences with us. Also for encouraging us to become more involved in the community. Your speech inspired me more than you will ever know, so I want you to know that I appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
Tangilyn Brown

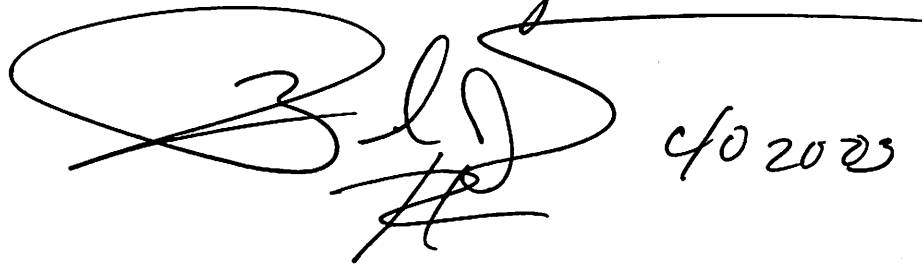
Brandon James  
4325 Brewer Rd.  
4-1-02

Mrs. L. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Al.

Dear Mrs. Redden,

Hello, Mrs. Redden, this is one of your greatest fans, Brandon James. I would like to thank you for coming to Carver and telling Carver's scholaring students the real story of Civil Rights. Your efforts in the past has influenced many people, such as myself. I would also like to thank God for you too because without him, you, me, or everyone else would be nothing. I would love to see you next year in my 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. Thank you, Mrs L. W. Redden.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a series of connected strokes.

4/0 2002

Brandon James

Marcus Hunter  
2001 W. Fairview  
4-1-02

Mrs. Idessa W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Al.

Dear: Mrs. I. W. Redden

I enjoy the encounter of meeting you. You are a very important and nice lady. I'm the young man you kissed on the cheek and I've love that part. Running out of word. Just want to say thank-you

Love

Marcus Hunter

Christopher Easterly  
5100 Levenson Road  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. Idessa W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I truly enjoyed your company as you spoke to G.W. Carver High School's AP History class. I thought that you did a spectacular job recounting the occurrences that took place during that time period. You are one of the best guest speakers that I have ever heard and I would love to hear many more of your stories. It was definitely my honor and my privilege to have you as a guest speaker. Thanks for everything.

Love,

Christopher Easterly

Niven Lemison  
1009 Goode St.  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. O.W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery AL 36108

Dear Mrs. Redden

I really appreciate you coming to our  
to talk to us. You said some really amazing  
that touched me. Mrs. Redden, the things you  
said also surprised me. I also appreciate you  
for standing up for the cause.

Thanks,



Niven Lemison

Cynthia R-B. Paradise  
817 Winderton Dr.  
April 01, 2002

Ms. I. W. Hadden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, AL 36108

Dear Ms. Hadden

I really enjoyed our talk on last Wednesday. The part where you talked about your life and your step son was the most interesting. On the movie they said you actually had three children. Thanks for spending time out of your busy schedule to talk with our class.

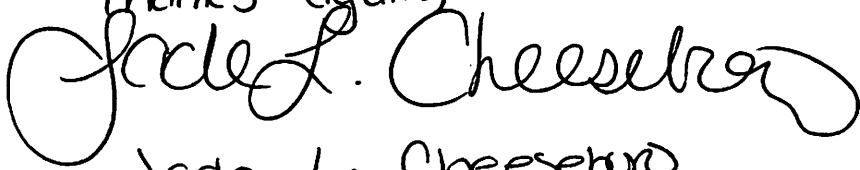
Yours truly,  
Cynthia R-B. Paradise  
C/O 2003

Jade Cheeseboard  
5128 Rush Drive  
Montgomery, AL 36108  
04 April 2002

Mrs. I. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery AL 36108

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I really appreciate you coming to our school and speaking to us. You really said some things that touched my heart. I will always remember what you said and I hold that in my heart forever.

Thanks again,  
  
Jade L. Cheeseboard

Mrs. I. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.

Johnny W. Mitchell Jr.  
5430 Cathy Dr. 36108  
4/1/02

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I would like to take this opportunity to just say thank you. Personally, I would like to thank you for enlightening me about my heritage and history, and also the struggles that my ancestors, and others, had to endure in order for me to live the life that I exemplify each and everyday. After hearing you speak and exchange knowledge with us, I am truly a believer that with age, comes wisdom. You so vividly and accurately recalled the events that took place in full detail. Your oration motivated me to, not only, strive and persevere to be the best that I can possibly be, but ~~it~~ I am determined to not let the efforts of my ancestors and others to be in vain. Again I say thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Sincerely,  
Johnny W. Mitchell Jr.

Catherine Nakombe  
4201 E. Lawrence  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. F. Jo Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, AL

Dear Mrs. Redden,

Hi, how are you. I just would like to take the time out to tell you that I really enjoyed your speech & I just want to thank you. Your speech was very inspirational to me. It really taught me how to overcome slavery in my heart. Thanks for all your time.

Love,

Catherine  
Nakombe

Smile

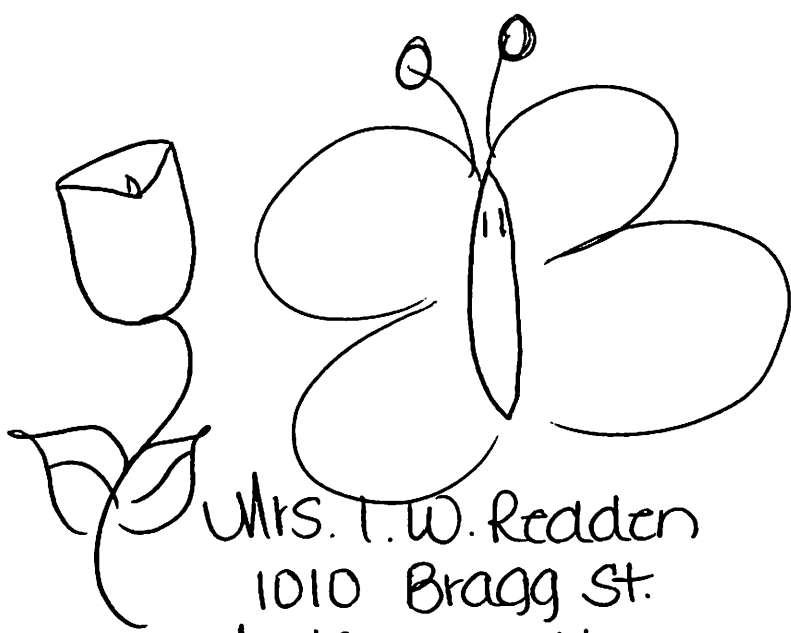


Tommy Cargill  
3821 Riviera Rd.  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. I.W. Redden,

I really enjoyed your nice  
and encouraging words. It  
may not seem like much  
but you really made an  
impact on my life in more  
ways than one. May you  
live long.

Thanks,  
Tommy



Cynthia Rudolph  
5629 E. Shades Valley  
April 1, 2002

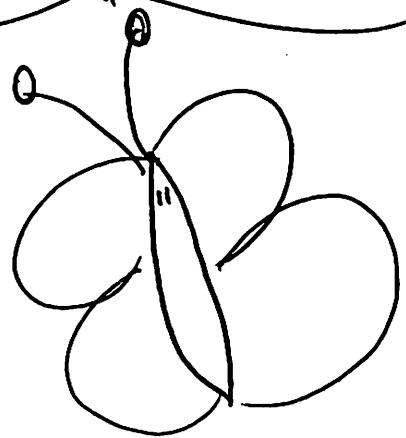
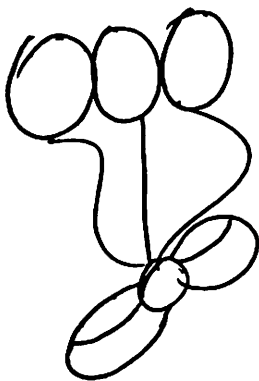
Mrs. T.W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, AL



Dear Mrs. Redden,

You might not know me, but I was the young lady sitting in the front with glasses. I was just writing you to tell you thanks for coming and telling us about your life. What I heard I really enjoyed very much. You're more than welcome to come back anytime you feel.

Thank You,  
Cynthia Rudolph



HENRY JENKINS  
2859 5th St. G.W.P.  
April 01, 2008

Mrs. I. W. REDDEN  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Ala. 36108

Dear Mrs. Redden:

Thank You for coming to  
Carver Senior High. We appreciate  
you coming and speaking to us. I  
have learned a lot about the Civil Rights  
Era I didn't know. Thank You again.

Your Friend,

Henry Jenkins

Gina Crawford  
100 Cillie Lane  
Montgomery, AL.  
36108

April 1, 2002

Mrs. I. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, AL.

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I really enjoyed the wonderful speech you presented to our classes. I really learned a lot from you. It was truly a pleasure to have met a person who participated in the Civil Rights Movement. It was amazing to me when you remembered what happened back then like it was yesterday. Very impressive! If you could please come back and share some more of your memories to us. Thanks a lot!

Gina Crawford

P.S. I hope you had a wonderful Easter! Good bye!

Jennifer Arrington  
3121 Thomas Ave.  
4/1/02

Mrs. I. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Mant, OH.

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I really enjoyed your speech, the information you presented was very interesting, I really enjoyed listening to you speak of your exciting life. I really thank you and hope you would come speak to us again.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Arrington

Haren C. Burrough  
351 Oak st.  
MAFB AL, 36113

Mrs. Idessa W. Hedden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Mont AL,

Dear, Mrs. Hedden,

The first thing I would like to say is thank you. It was very nice of you to come down to our school and speak to us about your past. Although the events you spoke about happened decades ago, I was amazed at your accurate details and memory. You are a great woman and I admire your courage. I hope that maybe we may see you again, sometime.

Best Wishes,

Haren Burrough

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Demarius Chilloe  
5315 Ira Ln.  
April 1, 2002

Mrs. I. W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, Al.

Dear Mrs. Redden,

I am one of the students that was in the library for your speaking. What you said, and the story you told gave insight to what is partially talked about in school and on television. I wanted to take out time and let you know how I felt about you. So, thank you Mrs. Redden and may God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Demarius  
"The ONE"  
Chilloe

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NATASHA WELLS  
3328 WEST TUSKLOOPE  
APRIL 01, 2002

Ms. Idessa W. Redden  
1010 Bragg St.  
Montgomery, AL 36108

Dear Ms. Redden

Thank-you very much for giving up your  
time to come talk to our class last  
Wednesday. You gave all of us a lot  
of insight. I enjoyed the way you  
could remember everything that  
has happened in your past. You are  
truly an asset to our future as  
well as the past.

Sincerely,  
Natasha

# 'THANK\*YOU'

April 1, 2003

Mrs. Redden,

I would like to take the time to thank you for departing from your busy schedule to come out and enlighten us on our black history.

I can speak for everyone when I say that I truly enjoyed your speech.

Please feel free to come out and visit us again before the year is out. I'm sure you have lots of history facts that you can tell us. Again I would like to say thank you for your time.

We love you and God bless you!!

We love you!!  
from the Super  
C/O Class of  
2003

Yours truly,  
Ms. Crystal  
Renee'  
Fair