



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement from Andrea Stewart-Cousins on the Death of Oscar-Nominated Actress & Civil Rights Activist Ruby Dee of New Rochelle

ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS June 12, 2014

“Oscar-nominated actress and civil rights activist Ruby Dee paved the way for many of us by setting a wonderful example of strength and courage. She made her mark on history, from Broadway to Hollywood, fighting for racial equality in the arts after standing with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963 when he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech. She was a lovely person, who was always very generous with her time, helping community organizations and local theater companies. I mourn her loss along with her family and the residents of New Rochelle where she and her late husband Ossie Davis made their home.”