

Ida B. Wells

A Life and Legacy Worthy of Honor and Celebration.

"The way to right a wrong is to shine the light of truth upon them."

-Ida B. Wells

Ida B. Wells is nationally recognized as an anti-lynching advocate, a champion of civil rights and women's suffrage. But when she lived in Memphis, she was still just a black woman and she was "run out of town for stirring the Negroes up."

Her life was threatened and her office on Beale Street destroyed for reporting on the brutal Memphis lynching of three men in 1892: Thomas Moss, a good friend who owned the People's Grocery, and his business partners, Will Stewart and Calvin McDowell.

Ida B. Wells risked her life to oppose oppression, racism, and violence in America. She deserves to be honored for her heroic stand on injustice that inspired change and challenged American societal ailments.

The Memphis Memorial Committee – in partnership with the Neshoba Community Resource Center – invites you to join us in honoring this civil rights icon.

The statue that was erected in 2021 is the centerpiece of the Ida B. Wells Plaza at the intersection of Beale and 4th Streets, and an important stopping point on Memphis' Heritage Trail. The plaza will include seating, landscaping, and plaques that acknowledge the supporters of this tribute to Ida B. Wells.

With the memorial to Ida B. Wells, we will honor her heroism and inspire those who continue her legacy.

160 years since her birth, 144 years after she first arrived in this city, 130 years after Ms. Wells was run out of town, and 88 years since her death, a memorial will right a wrong that has long overshadowed our Beautiful City.

A memorial to Ida B. Wells will pay that which we have owed this great woman since 1892.

-The Memphis Memorial Committee

JOIN US IN HONORING IDA B. WELLS

To be a partner and support the efforts, please make all tax-deductible checks payable to:

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