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PHMC rejects application for Viola Liuzzo Historical Marker

California Area re:Generations (CARE) was informed by email today that their application for a state historical marker for Civil Rights Martyr Viola Liuzzo was rejected. Explaining their decision, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission said:

The subject has limited association with PA, as she only spent the first 6 years of her life here. Her family moved to the South where she first experience widespread racism and segregation that developed her sense of social justice and civil rights activism. The documentation describes her as a "child of the south" as she spent her formative years in Georgia and Tennessee. A monument to her was erected in Alabama and a park in Detroit was named for her. If additional documentation to connect her early experiences in California, PA as motivating factors for her later activism is provided it may bolster a future submission. If not, a local or county organization may agree to support a local marker.

CARE plans to memorialize Mrs. Liuzzo in other ways and shall continue to raise funds to recognize California as her birthplace and early childhood home, and to honor her legacy.

For more information or to donate to the Viola Gregg Liuzzo Memorial Project or CARE, please visit the California Area re:Generations website at <https://calregenerations.org>. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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