

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Little Rock's Central High School became a crucial battleground in the struggle for civil rights three years after the Supreme Court outlawed school segregation in *Brown v. Board of Education*; and

WHEREAS: Although the Supreme Court's 1954 landmark decision struck down racial segregation in public schools, it was the courageous actions of the nine teens who integrated Central High that tested the strength of that decision. The persistence of the Little Rock Nine, as they became known, helped to define the civil-rights movement; and

WHEREAS: Carlotta Walls LaNier was the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine at age 14. She was inspired by civil rights activist Rosa Parks to pursue her dream to obtain the best education possible at Central High School, and she graduated in 1960; and

WHEREAS: Walls has been honored for her actions with the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award presented by the President of the United States, and the Spingarn Medal, presented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby congratulate Carlotta Walls LaNier for being honored by the National Women's Hall of Fame as an inductee during the weekend of October 2 through 4, 2015.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage my fellow citizens to recognize and celebrate the achievements of one of Arkansas's greatest women.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State