

# 2019 Robert R. Moton High School Hall of Fame Nominee

## **Curtis Leonard Marbury**

### Public Service

Curtis Leonard Marbury is the son of the late Willie H. and Mary Etta Marbury. He is a 1958 graduate of Robert R. Moton High School.

After finishing high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served honorably for nine and a half years. His military career included tours of duty in West Germany, South Korea, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort Benning, Georgia. During his military career, he served a tour in the Republic of South Viet Nam, where he was wounded in action and receive the military award of Purple Heart.

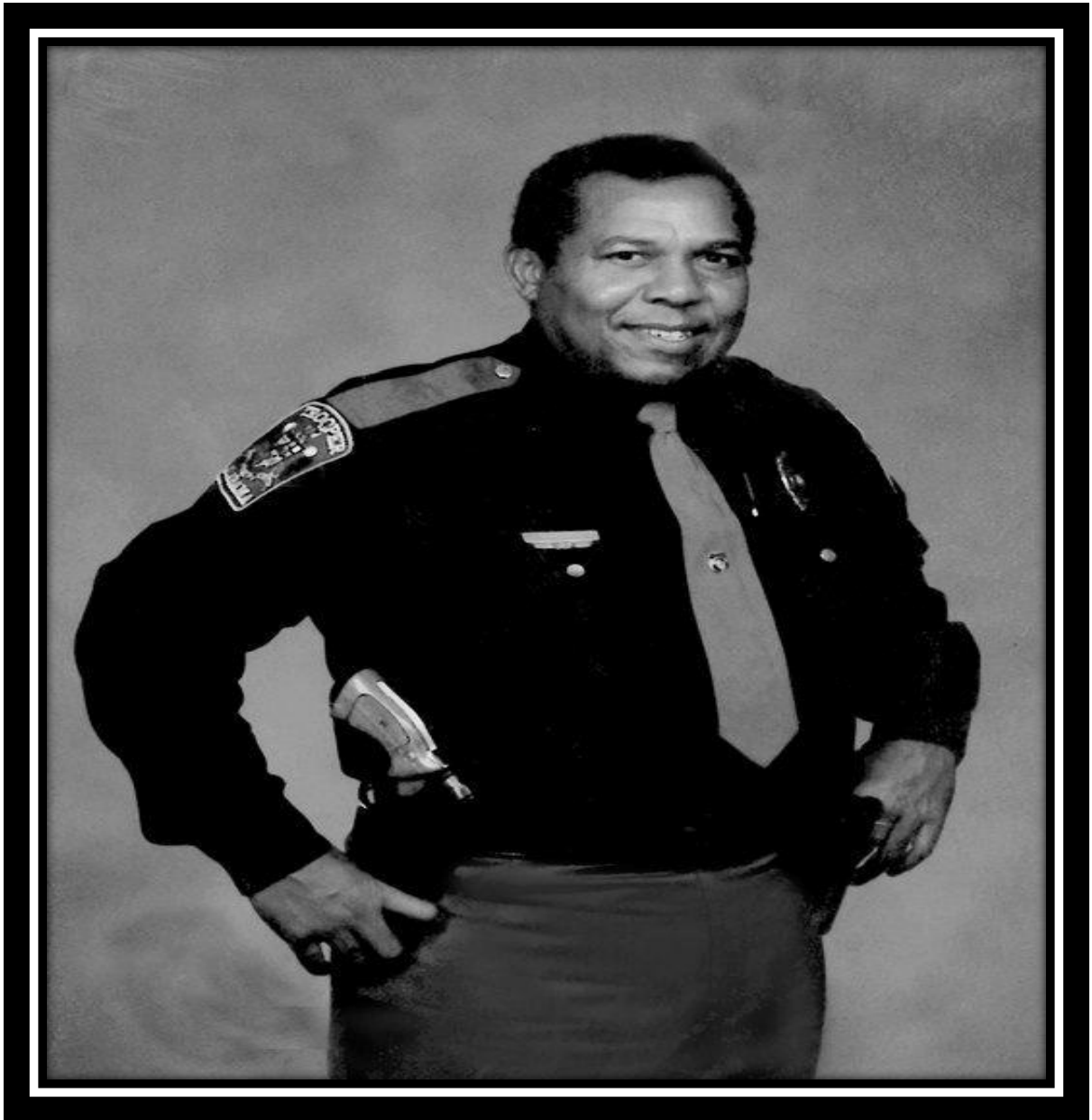
After his Army medical retirement, Curtis worked for four years for Roadway Trucking Company as an over the road driver. He started out as a dock worker for Roadway before applying for employment as a driver.

After leaving Roadway, he applied and was hired as an Alabama Highway Patrolman. He was a part of the second group of African Americans hired in the state and the first to be hired from Leeds and the first graduate of Robert R. Moton High School to serve as a State Trooper.

Curtis Leonard Marbury distinguished himself as an outstanding public servant while serving as a member of the Alabama State Highway Patrol for twenty years. He retired in 1996 in the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He is part of a suit filed against the State of Alabama for hiring discrimination against minorities. The suit was settled out of court and a consent degree issued which called for additional hiring and promotions of current employees.

Leonard presently resides in Attalla, Alabama. He works part-time as a courier for the The Exchange Bank of Alabama.



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**Robert R. Moton High School Class of 1958**

Curtis Leonard Marbury distinguished himself as an outstanding public servant while serving as a member of the Alabama State Highway Patrol. He retired after twenty years of service. He also served ten years in the United States Army which included a tour in the Republic of Viet Nam. While in the Viet Nam War, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart Decoration. He is the member of the class of 1958.