



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **GREETINGS to All,**

July 30, 2020 - Winton, NC - "KEEP MOVING", he said..... We must keep moving to see justice and civil rights come true. Today is a very sad day for all Americans as we remember the great life of Georgia Congressman John Lewis. He is indeed a Civil Rights legend and American Icon that will not be forgotten. Congressman John R. Lewis served in the United States Congress for more than 30 years representing Georgia's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Mere words cannot express our deep-rooted sincere gratitude and appreciation for Congressman Lewis's tremendous contributions to our country and throughout the world. Congressman Lewis was not only willing to sacrifice his life but also was beaten and incarcerated for holding America accountable for honoring and living up to its own Constitution and creed "... that all men are created equal ...". Congressman Lewis preached a nonviolence response in the face of violence and hatred spewed by southern White segregationists when attempting to obtain the right to vote for African Americans. Congressman Lewis' life is a testament to his belief that "when we see injustice, we have to speak up, take action, and do something."



President Barack Obama said, "Not many of us get to live to see our own legacy play out in such a meaningful, remarkable way. John Lewis did"

Accordingly, let us honor and pay tribute to the tremendous legacy of Congressman Lewis by exercising our right to vote, making sure our families, friends, and

communities do the same. We shall hold elected officials accountable, so equality is no longer a request but an expectation.

We, the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World family, pay honor and tribute to his memory and legacy as a great American contributor and friend to our Order.

God Bless you and God Bless the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

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