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Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Mourns the Loss of Two Civil Rights Icons

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As we mourn the loss of two iconic Civil Rights giants, Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian and the political and moral conscience of the United States Congress, statesman John R. Lewis, we rejoice in the legacies they both left behind for us to carry on. Because of their contributions to the Civil Rights movement and the lifelong sacrifices made through their political and social activism – that we, as well as, future generations to come are now able to enjoy the various educational, political and social opportunities.

In the words of the late Congressman John R. Lewis, "Our struggle is not of a day, a week, a month or a year it is a struggle of a lifetime." State Senator James "Jimmy" Harris, III Chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus stated, "Without hesitation, the LLBC and its members are collectively committed to and will continue the fight for racial equality, equity and justice for all to create a better society."

The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus urges the entire state and nation to pick up the mantle for racial justice and join us as we honor these goliaths of American history.

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Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.