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**MMTC Mourns the Loss of Congressman John Lewis;  
Renews Commitment to 'Stand Up for What Is Right, What Is Fair, and What Is Just'**



**WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 21, 2020):** This weekend, the nation lost a beloved congressman, civil rights icon, and legend.

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) expresses our deepest sympathies to the family, staff, constituents, and friends of Congressman John R. Lewis (D-GA).

**Ronald Johnson, Chairman of the Board, MMTC:**

“The annals of history will long remember Congressman Lewis as a true American hero standing up and fighting for a just, more inclusive nation for every Black American, indeed for all Americans. On behalf of everyone at MMTC, we honor his passing with an unrelenting and renewed commitment to ‘stand up for what is right, for what is fair, and what is just’ in our mission to promote equal access and representation in tech, media, and telecommunications through opportunity creation, awareness building, and advocacy. Congressman Lewis’s life and legacy will continue to inspire us, our partners, and others as we work to create a nation and world that reflects his wisdom, sacrifices, and devotion to country where ‘all of our citizens embrace the idea of a truly interracial democracy ... the Beloved Community, a nation at peace with itself.’”

**Maurita Coley, President and CEO, MMTC:**

“The Honorable Congressman John Lewis was a front-line fighter for civil rights his entire life. He was the lifeblood of the civil rights movement. To say he was a giant is not enough – he was a pillar of strength, and he was a true leader, always on the front lines, who never lost his way and wasn’t afraid to speak to the truth. The loss of such an icon is tragic, and his spirit will live on in all of us who continue to stand and fight for social justice and equality. MMTC, along with the millions of others who continue to tread on the path he blazed, will continue to agitate for equality – and we will honor the late Congressman through our success.”

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**About MMTC:**

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.