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National Black Nurses Association Honors the Legacy of Congressman John Lewis

SILVER SPRING, MD, July 20, 2020 – The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) joins the nation in honoring a great leader and iconic civil rights legend, Congressman John Lewis.

In response to his recent passing, Dr. Martha A. Dawson, President, releases the following statement:



Dr. (Hon) Millicent Gorham
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As I grapple with the recent news of our beloved civil rights icon, Congressman John Lewis passing, I can't help but to hold close the remarkable memories of a legacy that has brought true systemic change, as well as peace to our nation. Dedicating his life to strengthening our democracy, Congressman Lewis was a staunch advocate and supporter of the National Black Nurses Association and health equity for all U.S people. Over the years, Congressman Lewis attended the NBNA Day on Capitol Hill urging the nurses and nursing students to fight for what is right...that every U.S. resident has the right to accessible and affordable health care...those in the city and those in rural areas. He always made a point to talk about his rural upbringing...about preaching to the chickens. He would then remind us that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect. And, his last word was to admonish us to "VOTE".

The NBNA is very fortunate to be amongst those who have been enriched by the courageous leadership of a true American hero. Since he lived his legacy every day, his soul can rest in eternal peace for the work he did will continue to speak for him. We, his NBNA family, will honor him with "good trouble" and good results.

About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing

students in 114 chapters and 35 states. The NBNA mission is “to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.” NBNA chapters offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing. For more information, visit nbna.org. #NBNAResilient

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