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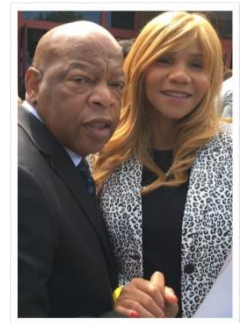
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Shelia Edwards' Statement on the Passing of Congressman John Lewis

"Rest in Peace My Mentor and Friend, Rest in Peace"

Mableton, GA – Words are hard to put together regarding the passing of Civil Rights Giant, Congressman John Lewis. Though I knew the time for his transition was near, the weight of his death is heavy on my heart and my soul. John was a mentor and friend who represented everything that is good about public service as he showed all of us what it means to be a **"servant of the people instead of ourselves"**. My heart hurts with the reality of his physical passing, but his spirit remains strongly within me.



John stood for what was right and decent in his **"lifelong fight"** for justice for people, be it civil rights, equal rights, and all others fought through his decades of service. John was our relentless champion on this front as he established the paradigm for all of us to follow on what it means to care about the plight of others. John was the kindest and most gentle person one could ever know, yet within him resided the power to become ferocious on advocating and defending issues that impacted people.

John Lewis' example of fighting for society is the fight I have chosen to wage for my community as I continue to push for a better quality of life for us in District 4. We must all try to live up to the examples John has spent his life showing us. We must follow his path of fighting for justice, families, and what is right, fair, and decent in our community. Good job Faithful Servant, your work here is done. I promise you that I will do my part to continue your work in the fight.

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