

to replicate. We have talked many times tonight of his nonviolent approach, but do not hesitate for one second to think that John Lewis was not a strong man, a strong man with a lion's heart.

America is the greatest country in the world, but let's be transparent. It took us a few years to really act out that all men were created equal. John Lewis dedicated his life to making sure this country lived up to the ideals of our Founding Fathers in making this Nation a better place for everyone.

John was a man of faith. He grew up as a young preacher and later became an ordained Baptist minister, and I can relate to that. It was under this background that he began this fight for equality. Had the church joined him, I am convinced there would be less division today.

As a member of the Freedom Riders, John and his fellow Riders were subjected to mob beatings and arrested for his efforts. Despite this opposition, he remained steadfast in his conviction and continued onward with his courageous message as he pressured our Federal Government to do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, 25 years ago, John Lewis ascended to a seat in the U.S. Congress and continued to make "good trouble," as he would deem it. During this distinguished time as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, John left no stone unturned in his fight for the American people.

As you can see this evening, Congress has felt this impact resoundingly. It has been made clear: John Lewis' kindness and humility in the many faces of oppression and adversity have lifted up Congress and America for decades. To say he will be sorely missed is a vast understatement.

Let us continue to tell the story of John Lewis for generations to come. Remember his guidance, and let his presence live on in our hearts. In other words, let's keep on a walkin' and keep on a talkin'.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the topic of tonight's Special Order hour.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we honor the life and legacy of the Honorable John Robert Lewis. I am thankful for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Republican Con-

ference Chair LIZ CHENEY and Republican Conference Vice Chair MARK WALKER, for their dual participation here on the House floor today, which is a recognition that, yes, John Lewis was a Democratic hero; he was a progressive hero; he was a civil rights hero; but above all else, John Robert Lewis was an American hero.

So we are here today on the House floor, not as Democrats or Republicans, not as progressives or conservatives, not as the left or the right, but as Americans because of what John Lewis meant to all of us: to our communities, to the country, to the Constitution, to the principle of liberty and justice for all, equal protection under the law, to the principle of the righteous cause of nonviolence as a pathway to the beloved community, as he would share with all of us.

John Robert Lewis was the connective tissue between the civil rights movement and the Black Lives Matter movement.

John Robert Lewis was the connective tissue between the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Presidency of Barack Obama.

And John Robert Lewis was the connective tissue between the tragedy on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and the tragedy that occurred in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

John Robert Lewis' life journey is the American journey, and he has guided the way as we have traveled and marched toward a more perfect Union; and through the sheer will of his morality, he has helped to bend the arc toward justice.

And so we are all thankful for his life and his legacy, honored by the privilege to have been able to call him "colleague."

We learned from John Lewis how to be a good American, a good patriot, a good neighbor, a good leader, a good human, a good activist, and how to get into "good trouble." And so we are thankful for this opportunity just to humbly communicate what John Lewis meant to all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentlewoman from the great State of Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, few of us will ever leave the mark on history and every human we encounter the way our dear friend Congressman John Lewis did. His profound generosity and goodness was so beautifully balanced by his courageous, unyielding demands for justice.

I saw it as we sat-in on this House floor demanding gun safety reforms after the Pulse nightclub shooting.

I saw it as young and old met him, sensed his moral bearing, and he patiently made each one the world's most important person in that moment.

We saw it plain as day as he bravely crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge to confront America's racist sins, know-

ing that batons and beatings blocked the pathway to justice.

I saw it when he traveled to my district, and the outpouring of joy and reverence overflowed for this truly good man.

And I saw it when he took the time, 5 seconds of his time, in that room off the House floor, when he recorded a campaign video to help my then high school-age daughter win her student government campaign, which she did. That is a memory that she will treasure—and does treasure—throughout her life.

His lifetime of "good trouble" is a model for us all, especially now as we must carry on his work of racial justice. The more perfect Union John Lewis lived in and risked his life for is what our Founders expressed but did not necessarily exemplify and one that future leaders must aspire to. His courage and generosity are strengths we must all draw upon now.

Rest in power, my friend.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO), the distinguished chair of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the passion of a dear friend, a colleague, a personal hero of mine, Congressman John Lewis.

Mr. Lewis often spoke of building a beloved community, one that required us to get into "good trouble" to achieve. His vision for America and her world was one of justice, equality, and compassion for one another.

During dark times, his strength and his optimism lit the way to a path forward that brought us closer to justice.

During doubtful times, his words and his wisdom inspired confidence that progress was still in reach.

And during this difficult time for our country, as we mourn his death, may the life and the legacy he left behind inspire us to keep building that beloved community.

John Lewis, you taught me that optimism is a moral duty, and now that you are gone, sir, I will no longer have you around to remind me to keep the faith. I will have to do that all by myself.

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Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BUSTOS).

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn and also to celebrate a historic life, a man I was honored to know, privileged to serve with, and to call my friend.

Congressman John Lewis has been called home to God. I met Mr. Lewis right after I was elected to Congress, but over the years, I had the pleasure of getting to know him, a civil rights icon, a true American hero.

Too rarely are the most powerful also the most humble, the most caring, and the most kind. But Mr. Lewis had that

rare combination and more. He was the best among us.

In one moment, he would fearlessly stand in harm's way to stand up for what is right, and in the next, he wouldn't hesitate to take a minute to share his insights, his lessons, his personal stories with those lucky enough to cross his path or to walk into his office.

In 2015, so many of our colleagues and I joined him for the 50th anniversary walk across the Edmond Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, to honor the moment that young John Lewis forever changed our Nation.

As we all gathered to follow in his historic footsteps, the magic and the power of John Lewis' action on that fateful day in 1965 could be felt by all of us. Our country is better, our Congress is better, and I am better for having known him.

I will miss you, Mr. Lewis, but I will forever celebrate and honor the impact you made on our Nation and on me.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED).

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to express my condolences and express the spirit that John Lewis represented to all of us.

John Lewis was a humble man. I knew John serving on the Ways and Means Committee with him.

I traveled with my colleague, Mrs. BUSTOS, from Illinois down to Selma, Alabama, on that 50th anniversary day. And I will tell you, one of the moments that inspired me the most in my tenure here in Congress was not just that day, when we walked across the Edmond Pettus Bridge arm in arm in celebration of his victory over hatred, but it was the following day, when we sat at the doors of the Montgomery, Alabama, State Capitol, and I saw the daughter of Governor Wallace express to John an apology for the sins of yesterday. And John, in typical John Lewis fashion, stood up and embraced her when she said: "I'm sorry."

John Lewis epitomizes the best of the human race. John Lewis was an inspiration to all of us.

My predecessor, my mentor, Amo Houghton, who served in my seat for 18 years, expressed to me early on in my tenure: "Get to know John Lewis. Get to know and listen to his story." And I will tell you, that is some of the best advice I received from his friend, Amo Houghton.

And so I come here tonight to express my grief, but most importantly, my hope that the spirit of John Lewis does not die with us tonight. The spirit of John Lewis, who is now resting with the glory of God, will shine down upon us and improve this institution, improve each of our souls, and inspire us, the way that he did, as that proud, quiet, humble giant of a human being that inspired me and will continue to inspire me to search for our better angels each and every day.

So to my colleagues on the other side, I join you in your grief, but we are united in our love for the great John Lewis.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RUPPERSBERGER).

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Congressman John Lewis.

I first met John at a church event in Maryland 20 years ago in Anne Arundel County when I was a candidate running for Congress. And John was there to support me but also there to speak to a junior day event.

At that time, I first saw John speak and talk about his relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King. He recounted many brutal beatings and arrests that he endured during the height of the civil rights movement. From that point on, I considered John a mentor.

I am fortunate to have served with many inspiring people, but John stands out as one of the finest leaders I have ever known.

John encouraged us to get into good trouble, to make a difference. Though not typically my style, I was proud to participate in a sit-in on the House floor, led by John, to protest gun violence in 2016. He told me that by sitting down, we were standing up for thousands of Americans who have lost their lives in mass shootings after mass shootings. And so I sat.

The best way to honor John's life and legacy is by continuing the fight against gun violence, against police brutality, against veteran disenfranchisement, against systemic racism.

We will carry the torch for you, John.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD).

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, shortly after I came to Congress, I learned through the grapevine that a couple of my staff members wanted nothing more than to meet the great John Lewis in person.

So with some trepidation, and very cognizant of the demands on his time, I approached him as a freshman Member on the House floor to inquire whether I could make an appointment with his staff. And in his usual warm and gregarious manner, Mr. Lewis said: "Of course. Of course."

A few weeks later, I took these staffers on a mystery field trip to the Cannon House Office Building. And the look on their faces when they realized we were about to enter John Lewis' office was priceless.

I figured it would be a quick handshake and a photo op, and then we would be on our way back to our office. But no. Mr. Lewis greeted my 6-foot-4-inch legislative counsel Zach and my speechwriter Yann with: "Hello, young brothers" and took them into his office where he proceeded to give them a narrated history of the civil rights movement with the aid of large photographs that were stacked all over his office.

Zach and Yann and Sara, another member of my team, asked many questions, and he answered them all. We took the obligatory photos for which I am thankful, because now they have the treasure of those memories forever.

A full hour-and-a-half elapsed, and our meeting with him ended only because my team needed to get back to work, so we had to break away. I am convinced he would have gladly spent the rest of the afternoon speaking with them. That is just one example of the generosity of spirit of the great John Lewis.

Rest in peace, Mr. Lewis. I hope you are starting a whole lot of good trouble wherever you are. It is the greatest honor of my life to have served with you.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. AXNE). The gentleman from New York has 14 minutes remaining.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE).

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, John Robert Lewis, an American hero, a civil rights icon, a movement leader, a peacemaker, a teacher, a drum major for justice, a mentor, a colleague, and a friend.

I want to begin by thanking John's family for sharing him with us and with our country.

As I listened to my colleagues tonight speak about John, I realize that he made each one of us feel like a very special person to him. I also realize that words can't really capture John Lewis and what he meant to us, to our country, and to the world.

I had the privilege, like so many of my colleagues, of walking across the Edmond Pettus Bridge with John and listening to him speak about his work in the civil rights movement; to be part of an effort to organize a sit-in here on the House floor to demand action on gun violence; to work with John when we played a really critical role in our right for passage of the Equality Act and made the case that LGBTQ Americans were entitled to full equality in this country; on his visit to Newport News, Rhode Island; or traveling to South Africa to celebrate Robert Kennedy's "Ripple of Hope" speech.

John Lewis made America more just, he made us all more human, because he deeply believed in justice and equality. They weren't just things that he believed in; it is who he was.

And most importantly, he reminded us always to be optimistic, because he believed in the fundamental decency of every human being. And even in the darkest moments, he would encourage us: "Keep the faith, brother. Keep fighting."

And it is that belief in the fundamental goodness of everyone, that optimism, that John left with us.

And so, John, knowing you, serving with you, has been the greatest honor

of my life. I thank you for all that you have done for me and for our country, and we promise you that we will keep the faith and keep up the fight.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT).

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, the word "hero" is used a little too often these days. But make no mistake, John Lewis personified the word. He was, without question, a true American hero.

The fearlessness he demonstrated throughout the civil rights movement, but especially on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma on March 7, 1965, demonstrated to people across the globe how to stand up for equality, justice, and basic civil and human rights in the face of overwhelming odds. Quite simply, his heroic actions transformed our Nation and our world.

Early on in my time in Congress, I had the pleasure of meeting Congressman Lewis for the first time. When he found out I was from Cincinnati, he immediately asked me a question that I would hear from him many times in the coming years, how was his friend and fellow civil rights leader, Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth, doing.

The two men had worked together throughout the 1960s, along with Dr. Martin Luther King, organizing marches, sit-ins, and freedom rides. Like John Lewis, Reverend Shuttlesworth remained committed to civil rights throughout his life and worked diligently to improve conditions in Cincinnati.

Not surprisingly, when I would see Reverend Shuttlesworth back home, he would ask how John Lewis was doing up here. As a result, I was kind of a messenger between these two-larger-than-life civil rights icons, and they will always be inextricably linked in my memory.

Madam Speaker, the world needs more heroes like John Lewis and the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth. Now, more than ever, their dedication to overcoming inequality and changing hearts and minds through nonviolent protests points the way forward as we continue to strive to come together and achieve a more perfect Union.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER).

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to remember Congressman John Lewis.

And for me, the best way to honor the memory of this beautiful man, this kind soul, our colleague, our friend, and for so many of us, our teacher, is to share his best lessons.

And in his 2017 book, Congressman John Robert Lewis said the following: "Freedom is not a state; it is an act.

"It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest.

"Freedom is a continuous action we must all take, and each generation

must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

These are words to drive our work and our lives. And he spoke them to the world.

But to us, on June 4, on a call with so many of our colleagues, he told us: "Be brave. Don't get weary. Let's continue to work."

And I wrote those words down, because like everything John Lewis said, they struck me as powerful and important and worth remembering. And in his memory and in his honor, we should all do just that, continue to work.

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Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL).

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, it is difficult to express the immense loss and pain that not just myself but that this body feels at the passing of our good friend, John Lewis.

It has been one of my greatest honors and privileges to be able to serve alongside him in my short time here in this body and to get to know him. He brought to us courage. He inspired love and gave us optimism in some of the most difficult times.

He worked with joy in his heart, with courage and faith, and without fear. He was a fighter against injustice to anyone. I remember him saying that he was inspired to see the young men and women of all backgrounds, creeds, and religious backgrounds rise up in non-violent protest, demanding justice. I wonder if he knows that he started that back in 1965 in Selma, Alabama.

My kids, Jude and Siena, every time they came to Washington, they always sought out John Lewis because they looked up to him, just like all of us did.

It is silly that I am crying, Madam Speaker. I just met him a year ago. I think it is because, during some of the most difficult moments in our country, we can't afford to lose someone like him.

But I am so inspired today to hear my colleagues stand together in unity, and I know, and I am filled with optimism, that we will be able to exemplify his work, continue his work, and carry his dream of a better America forward.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER).

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, when you meet your hero and they turn out even more amazing than you expected, it is really cool. That was my experience getting to work with John Lewis. In fact, sometimes when he spoke in Caucus, I would find myself texting a colleague, saying: You work with John Lewis.

The last time many of us heard his voice was early this summer on a Caucus conference call. He spoke up and said that he was sad because he was reminded that we weren't as far on the path to justice as any of us want our country to be. But then he said he was

hopeful because people, and particularly young people, were speaking up, standing up, and working for change.

In 2019, I brought one young person, my daughter, Sophie, to Selma, Alabama. We crossed Edmund Pettus Bridge with him. We listened to his stories. He was so kind to her and so patient with her questions. At the end of the trip, Sophie approached him at the airport, and she thanked him.

She said: I have one more question.

He said: Go ahead.

And she said: Were you ever scared?

And he said to her: You know, I was scared. But I knew I was doing the right thing, and I knew there were others who were depending on me standing up for them, too.

He stood up for so many for so long. One of the honors of my life was to get to serve with this extraordinary man, even watching him preside over the House as we passed a new Voting Rights Act.

His legacy of peace and love, of fighting for justice, fighting for voting rights, and of causing good trouble will live on.

Rest in peace and rest in power, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN).

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, from the moment I arrived in Congress, the aura of John Lewis loomed large. He will rightfully be remembered as a giant of the civil rights movement and the conscience of the Congress.

To me, though, he will always be remembered as a man who I felt privileged and honored and humbled to call colleague and friend. He will always be remembered as the kind, humble, approachable gentleman from Georgia, a tireless fighter who rallied our Caucus at pivotal moments to make positive change, to stand for what is right, to give a voice to the powerless, to protect the rights of the disenfranchised. Of course, he was well-known for making noise and getting into good trouble, necessary trouble.

It was one of the great privileges of my life to join John Lewis in making some good and necessary trouble when he organized a peaceful sit-in on the House floor to demand action on gun violence.

John Lewis made a difference in the lives of millions, and his presence was always felt in Congress, but his absence will be felt even more.

Rest in peace, my friend.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, how much time do we have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, let me simply close this portion of our special hour in honor of our friend, our colleague, our mentor, our hero, the legendary John Lewis, by simply recounting his words: Never give up. Never give in. Keep the faith. Keep your eyes on the prize. And make some good trouble.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO
CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL) for 30 minutes.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I very much appreciate the time tonight to honor one of Georgia's favorite sons.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, one of the greatest honors of my life has been to serve alongside John Lewis in this House of Representatives. John was my friend, and I know that thousands of people say the same thing, and guess what? They are all right.

John was my leader. I sat down in the well of this House with him in the morning, and we didn't get up again until the next morning because we were fighting, with him in the lead, to end gun violence. I got arrested with John Lewis, he probably for the 60-something time and me for the first, because we were fighting for immigration reform.

My husband and I had the honor of walking behind John to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge three different times at a place where the State troopers in Alabama nearly took his life.

Over the years in our Democratic Caucus meetings, there was a tone that would get gloomy sometimes, and those were John Lewis moments. John would stand up and, in no uncertain terms, he would remind us of our mission. What people really wanted to hear from us, he told us, was hope, and no one could deliver hope like John Lewis.

I give you his words, words we needed to hear: Do not get lost in despair. Be hopeful. Be optimistic. Our struggle is not a struggle of a day, of a week, of a month, or of a year. It is the struggle of a lifetime.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I count among my life's greatest blessings the distinction of being able to call John Lewis my colleague and my friend.

Martin Luther King said the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice. John Robert Lewis spent his entire life working to accelerate and complete that bend fully committed to justice, to nonviolence and, in his own words, to good trouble.

John Lewis' incredible capacity for love, his steadfast belief in nonviolence, and his limitless humility inspired all of us, Democrat and Republican, to be better. His singular character established him as the conscience of the Congress.

I have too many personal stories to share in a short 1-minute speech,

enough stories, in fact, to more than fill the entire hour. I will hold each of these treasured memories in my heart for the rest of my life.

I join with my colleagues to honor his legacy and together hope we will continue his work bending that arc toward justice.

Rest in peace, John, knowing your memory will be a blessing to your Nation and to all whose lives you touched.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the former chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the committee on which John Lewis did so much of his important work for the great State of Georgia.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, John Lewis was many things. He was a father. He was a Congressman. As you know, he was a civil rights pioneer who marched with Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a husband. He was a son of the South, one who walked in the wind to bring equality to America and is now walking in the heavens with his Creator. He was a colleague.

John was all these extraordinary things, and he was also my friend. We are a better Nation and a better people because of him. This institution, of all of our country, will miss him dearly.

I always struggle to explain back home just what an extraordinary person he was. To know John was a blessing. To get to work with him on so many important issues on the Ways and Means Committee, including the first reform to the IRS in over two decades, making important improvements to Medicare for our seniors and those who need our help the most, that was an honor of a lifetime.

I served with him on the Ways and Means Committee for many years. He was a warm, needed, inspirational presence in that storied committee room. When I look down the dais, I will be sad to miss my friend. But I will always be proud to have had the privilege of working with such a remarkable spirit.

Each day he walked in these halls, we all witnessed firsthand his remarkable integrity, his intelligence toward the complex policy issues we debate, and his willingness to work across the aisle if it means Americans will have greater dignity, opportunity, and equal rights.

God loved this remarkable servant, and I know John is walking hand-in-hand with God and his beloved Lillian today.

I miss you, John. Cathy and I will continue to pray for you and all those who call you family. May you rest in peace and rise in glory. God bless you.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN).

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of our friend and colleague, Congressman John Lewis.

With every march, every sit-in, every time we reject unjust rules and institutions designed to oppress any group, we honor the legacy of John Robert Lewis.

A record number of Americans have stood up, spoken up, and laced up their marching shoes in recent weeks. Millions of them are too young to know about the man in whose footsteps they are following as they make what he so rightly called good trouble.

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May we all model his grace, courage, kindness, and commitment to nonviolence as a way of life and continue the good trouble he started even when—especially when—it is unpopular.

I feel so much gratitude to have learned from this giant of history, this singular American genius, and to have served, however briefly, alongside him. His loss is devastating. His memory everlasting.

Rest in power, my beloved brother.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, at this time, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COOPER).

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

No one loved Nashville, Tennessee, more than our friend and colleague John Robert Lewis.

As a young man, he arrived in Nashville on a bus with a ticket purchased by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King wanted young John to attend American Baptist College.

For anyone wondering how to honor John Lewis and his legacy, think of his alma mater, American Baptist, and remember also the historically Black college and university that he later attended, Fisk University. If you want more John Lewises in the world, think of his beloved training grounds, American Baptist and Fisk.

Mr. WOODALL. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI).

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Representative John Lewis, whose passing is a tremendous loss for Congress and for the entire country.

I will always remember walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with him on the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. I took my son with me on that trip, and when John passed last weekend, my son said this: "He is the most memorable person I have ever met. I will never forget what it feels like to be in the same room as him."

We will never forget what it felt like to serve in the same Chamber as him.

And as the Nation reckons with centuries of systemic racism, we owe a great debt to John Lewis and the "good trouble" he made in the civil rights movement, past and present. If we only had half his courage.

We as a Congress and we as a country would be better if we all exemplify his kindness, his passion, and his stoic ability to remain calm in any kind of storm. I can hear his voice urging us: Never give up, never give in, and always keep the faith.