

For a person who faced virulent hatred, he was never a man who hated.

For a person who stood as a focal point for an entire movement, he never focused the lens on himself.

For a person born to segregation, he never excluded others from the movement for equal rights.

For a person whose voice pierced the air like a foghorn, he never spoke empty words.

For a person to whom grace was too rarely extended in his life, he never allowed himself to withhold it from those around him.

For a person who was at the center of the Nation's gravest affairs, he never passed up an opportunity to laugh or to dance.

From his refusals, he became the man whom we admire so profoundly. John's death comes at a turbulent time for our country, and his loss is sharply felt by the many who still fight for equality in our country.

Young Black Americans struggling for equal treatment, women fighting for equal pay, LGBTQ advocates pushing for equal protection, marginalized people striving to protect their right to vote, and young leaders yearning for equity in a nation that has denied it for too long saw in John a model for perseverance, humility, courage, and leadership.

We could not be forgiven for despairing the loss of such a man as John Lewis in these times. But I think John would tell us to do otherwise. I think he might say that the movement for equality and equity in our Nation did not start with him and it shouldn't die with him.

He might look around at the newest generation of remarkable young Black and Brown leaders in technology, social justice, business, education, public service, and every other walk of American life and feel confident that, while the work remains, the fight is in good and capable hands.

He, undoubtedly, would look at the progress we have made and the struggles ahead and tell us not to dwell too long on the passing of one leader, however impactful, because there is just too much work to do.

But that is hard. It is hard for me, and I imagine it is hard for you. Congressman John Robert Lewis was more than an icon; he was a real person, perfect in his imperfections, and I will miss him dearly.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF THE LEFTIST MOB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Pennsylvania responsibly and carefully sanitized the podium up here before I began my 5-minute remarks, but I will tell you that there is not enough disinfectant in all of the District of Columbia to sanitize this Chamber on account of my

Democrat colleagues who fail to condemn what has been going on in what once were great American cities throughout this Nation. It is shameful, Mr. Speaker.

Leaders are elected to this great body with its history and with the full confidence of the American people that we will call evil by its name. But they sit idly by and are complicit in their silence and do not condemn the chaos, the destruction, the violence, the crimes, and the terrorism that is ravaging our Nation.

As we speak and as we sit in this quiet and peaceful Chamber, there are citizens—our fellow Americans—who feel that their lives and their private property are threatened. They can't even bear arms with their constitutional right to protect themselves and their property without being prosecuted by some rogue city attorney.

We have got to stand up to this mob. We have to say: No more will you burn our cities; no more will you terrorize our communities and intimidate and use fear to squelch any attempt by our local leaders to stop this now.

But they are intimidated, Mr. Speaker. The local leaders have completely bowed the knee to these leftist extremist groups that have hijacked peaceful protest.

There are folks with righteous indignation who have taken to the streets to speak their truth to power, and I respect that. God bless them. That is the American way.

We just celebrated one of the greatest who demonstrated peacefully and, through love for his country and his fellow man, made more difference than 1 million mobs could have. His name is John Lewis, and I am honored to have served with him.

But what is happening right now is these local leaders are either unwilling or incapable of stopping it. This weekend was 2 months of persistence in this violence and in the crimes perpetrated against Federal officers and local law enforcement who have been hamstrung to even defend themselves, let alone the property that they have been asked by their "courageous leaders" to defend. They are getting fireworks shot off in their face.

Where are the city leaders?

Where is Mr. Biden? He is safe in his basement. That is courageous leadership? That is what America needs right now?

Criticize President Trump all you want. He is at least doing something to stand up to the mob and protect taxpayers' Federal property.

Our Federal law enforcement officers are doing their job faithfully and dutifully while our citizens' rights are being completely trampled. There is no pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness in these cities. They are burning.

Protesters in California set fire to a courthouse, damaged police stations, and assaulted officers, ABC says: "in peaceful demonstrations that have intensified."

Are you kidding me? In Texas, we call it bull with the end of that word with a T.

Mr. Speaker, you know it. You know that these things are happening, and they wouldn't happen in parts of Texas because the citizens would not allow it.

What do we do with fireworks, broken windows, spray paint, and lasers being shot at them?

Seattle experienced an antipolice riot where 59 police officers were injured by arson, vandalism, and assault. I have got the list of Federal crimes right here. These people ought to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. They should be locked up away from the citizens who are just trying to live out their lives in this great Nation.

These are the Federal crimes: advocating to overthrow the government, aggravated assault and battery, arson, assault with a deadly weapon, attempting to kill an officer, conspiracy to impede or injure an officer, and demands against the U.S.

This is domestic terrorism as defined by the statutes that we stand on and that we have debated. They say that domestic terrorism is violent crimes.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to respect that you gavelled me out because I respect the rules of this Chamber, so I thank you for the indulgence.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 24 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of all creation, thank You for giving us another day.

Continue to bless the Members of this people's House as they move through the appropriations process here on the Hill.

This day will be one of preparation for the final return of the beloved John Lewis to the Capitol. We thank You once again for the example of humility, courage, and holiness he set for all Americans, and ask Your blessing that our Nation might move forward dedicated to the same struggle toward the beloved community, and a more perfect Union.

Bless the men and women who attend to those who are sick—and those men and women responsible for the safety and security of our communities throughout the country. May all Americans live and act wisely, being sensitive to the dangers of group dynamics