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Secretary of State Alex Padilla Statement on the Passing of US Representative John Lewis

SACRAMENTO, CA – Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued the following statement on the passing of civil rights legend United States Representative John Lewis.

"The conscience of American democracy has left us tonight. There has been no greater champion for voting rights in this nation's past half century than Congressman John Lewis. John Lewis carried the torch of the Civil Rights movement for decades, and he lit fires in the bellies of millions more — including myself — along the way.

"For Congressman Lewis the righteous struggle always endured, even if it required 'good trouble.' And it still endures.

"When I cast my ballot this fall, I will be thinking of Congressman Lewis — and so many others who marched, fought, and bled for our most basic right as American citizens. Let's honor John Lewis by committing to carrying the cause forward."

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