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**THE PuLSE INSTITUTE HONORS THE LIVES OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS AND
REV. C.T. VIVIAN**

The deaths of Congressman John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian, two gallant soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement announced on July 17, 2020, are a blow to our nation and to the entire global community of justice. Both men made extraordinary sacrifices to guarantee the dignity of black people in the United States. They fought hard as disciples of the Rev Martin Luther King Jr. to dismantle Jim Crow laws and to remove black people from under the knee of white supremacy.

We honor the lives of Lewis and Vivian for their tremendous contributions to history. At The PuLSE Institute, we are grateful for the sacrifices these leaders made working with Dr. Bernard Lafayette, another giant of the Civil Rights Movement and a member of our National Advisory Panel, in pushing America further into the noble palace of democracy.

Their commitment to affirm that black lives matter is what has created this moment of political transfiguration that our nation is undergoing, and we have an obligation to carry these grand legacies on to the next generation.

Sincerely,

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