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Massachusetts Bar Association President Honors Civil Rights Hero John Lewis

BOSTON, Mass. — Massachusetts Bar Association President John J. Morrissey issued the following statement today regarding the passing of Congressman John Lewis:

“As the Honorable John Lewis is laid to rest, we at the Massachusetts Bar Association join fellow Americans everywhere in saluting a civil rights hero who selflessly dedicated his life to fighting against injustice. The remarkable courage he demonstrated as a young leader during the civil rights movement of the 1960s – even in the face of numerous arrests and grievous injuries – helped lead to the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Later, as a Georgia congressman, he continued his lifelong commitment to voting equality, believing strongly that every American, regardless of race, religion, background or zip code, deserves a voice in our democracy. Today, as we mourn his passing, we should all be inspired by Congressman Lewis’ legacy of courage, civility and compassion as we continue to seek true justice for all.”

Incorporated in 1911, the Massachusetts Bar Association is a non-profit organization that serves the legal profession and the public by promoting the administration of justice, legal education, professional excellence and respect for the law. The MBA represents a diverse group of attorneys, judges and legal professionals across the commonwealth.