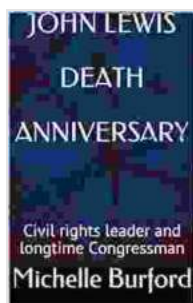


# Civil Rights Leader and Longtime Congressman John Lewis



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John Lewis was a civil rights leader and longtime congressman from Georgia. He was a key figure in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and he continued to fight for social justice throughout his life.

Lewis was born in Troy, Alabama, in 1940. He grew up in a segregated society, and he experienced firsthand the discrimination and violence that African Americans faced. As a teenager, Lewis became involved in the civil rights movement. He participated in sit-ins and protests, and he was arrested and beaten several times.

In 1961, Lewis became a Freedom Rider. Freedom Riders were civil rights activists who rode buses and trains into the South to challenge segregation. Lewis was arrested and beaten in Montgomery, Alabama, and he was nearly killed by a mob in Birmingham, Alabama. Despite the violence, Lewis and the other Freedom Riders helped to desegregate public transportation in the South.

In 1963, Lewis was a key organizer of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The march was a massive demonstration that brought together more than 200,000 people. Lewis spoke at the march, and his speech is considered one of the most important speeches in the history of the civil rights movement.

After the March on Washington, Lewis continued to fight for civil rights. He helped to organize the Selma to Montgomery marches, which led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Lewis was also a key figure in the Black Power movement.

In 1986, Lewis was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He served in Congress for 33 years, and he was a respected leader on issues such as civil rights, voting rights, and health care.

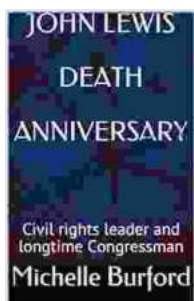
Lewis died in 2020 at the age of 80. He was a giant of the civil rights movement, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

## Legacy

John Lewis's legacy is one of fighting for social justice. He was a key figure in the civil rights movement, and he continued to fight for equality and justice throughout his life. Lewis's work helped to make the United States a more just and equitable society.

Lewis was a role model for many people, and his example continues to inspire others to fight for what they believe in. He was a tireless advocate for social justice, and his work made a real difference in the world.

Lewis's legacy will continue to live on through the work of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which was signed into law in 2021. The act is designed to protect the voting rights of all Americans, and it is a fitting tribute to Lewis's lifelong work for social justice.



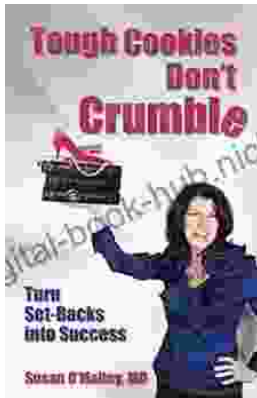
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