

**The Honorable John R. Lewis**  
**U.S. Representative of Georgia (1987–2020)**

**“Be Consistent and Be Persistent”**

The Honorable John R. Lewis recalls the way his dedication to the civil rights movement shaped his career as a legislator in Congress.

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My role and participation in the movement made me better prepared to serve as an elected official, because if you see something that you believe in, you have to show that you believe in it with passion, show some signs and be consistent and be persistent, and never give up.