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IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO: All Members of Congress and Staff

FROM: Paul D. Irving
Sergeant at Arms

DATE: July 24, 2020

SUBJECT: **Arrangements for the Late Honorable John Robert Lewis**

On **Monday, July 27, 2020**, the casket of the late Honorable John Robert Lewis will lie in state in the United States Capitol. Members are advised that guidelines for the tribute have been developed in consultation with the Office of Attending Physician (OAP) and Congressional Leadership. **Members who wish to pay their respects should use extreme care and deliberation when deciding to travel to Washington, D.C, and are strongly encouraged to do so virtually.**

Due to social distancing, only invited Members will be accommodated for the invitation-only Arrival Ceremony in the Rotunda. Individual invitations will be extended to those Members.

Members should be aware of the following important information regarding this event:

Arrival Ceremony, Monday, July 27 at 1:30 PM

An **invitation-only arrival ceremony** will be held in the Rotunda on **Monday, July 27, 2020** at 1:30 PM. To ensure the safety of those attending while using social distancing, the ceremony will only be open to a very small number of invited Members of Congress and the family of Representative Lewis. Following a procession through Washington, D.C., the casket of Representative Lewis will arrive on the East Front Plaza and be carried into the Capitol Rotunda.

Member of Congress Viewing, Monday, July 27 from approximately 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Following the arrival service, all Members who wish to pay their respects to Representative Lewis will have an opportunity to do so. Viewing will be done alphabetically in groups as Members do to vote. Members will be asked to gather on the House Floor and will be notified of the time to do so. Members will then be escorted to the Rotunda in a properly social distanced manner. The grouping of Members is as follows:

Group 1	Rep. Abraham to Rep. Cohen
Group 2	Rep. Cole to Rep. Vicente Gonzalez
Group 3	Rep. Gooden to Rep. Lamb
Group 4	Rep. Lamborn to Rep. Palazzo
Group 5	Rep. Pallone to Rep. Smucker
Group 6	Rep. Soto to Rep. Zeldin

Lying in State – Public Viewing – Monday, July 27 to Wednesday, July 29

When the Arrival Ceremony concludes, the public will have access to pay their respects to the late Honorable John Robert Lewis. The casket will be placed at the top of the East Front Steps, and the public will file past on the East Plaza:

- On **Monday, July 27**, we anticipate the public viewing line will begin at approximately 6:00 PM and continue until 10:00 PM
- On **Tuesday, July 28**, the public viewing line will begin at 8:00 AM and continue until 10:00 PM

Funeral Service – Thursday, July 30, 2020

Funeral services for the late Hon. John Lewis will be held in Atlanta, GA on Thursday, July 30 at 11:00 AM, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. The family has advised us that because of social distancing, the funeral will be invitation-only.

Staff Access

Staff who wish to pay their respects may use the public viewing line or do so virtually.

Capitol Access

From Monday, July 27 through Wednesday, July 29, the Capitol will remain open to Members, Congressional staff who have an office in the Capitol, and credentialed press. Official business visitors to the House wing of the Capitol must be met by House staff outside of the South Door and escorted to and from their destination. The Capitol continues to be closed to all tours, including Member and staff-led tours.

Plaza Access

Because of the public viewing line, as well as motorcade arrivals and departures from Monday, July 27 through Wednesday, July 29, access to the Capitol plaza will be restricted. We ask that Members park in underground garages.

Condolences

Members of Congress who wish to send condolences to the Lewis family, may do so using the following address:

The Family of Congressman John R. Lewis
C/O The Lewis Legacy
P. O. Box 43647
Atlanta, Georgia 30336-9996

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance. If you have additional questions, please contact my office at (202) 225-2456.