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Julian Bond A Living Legacy

DETROIT – Today the NAACP family and the Civil Rights Community pauses to remember and reflect on the life of Civil Rights Icon Julian Bond. Chairman Bond eloquent historian, powerful orator and unrelenting advocator for freedom and justice has made his transition. From the sit-ins of the south, to the stand up for your rights in the north, Julian Bond made us all better. He served the NAACP with grace, focus and purpose. He fought until he could not fight anymore.

He enabled all of us to Keep Our Eyes On The Prize. From the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee to the Chairmanship of the Board of the NAACP, he remained true to the cause of Justice and Freedom for all people. For the previous generation of Freedom Fighters, Julian Bond made his mark and left a trail for others to follow. For the next generation of those who carry on the struggle for Freedom he left a call to action- to let your life be a living example solid, committed and a noble light until the very end. Julian Bond can now claim his sweet rest. He has earned it. But for those of us who are left, let us remember the words of the Poet Robert Frost, *"The woods are lovely dark and deep, but I have promises to keep. And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep!"* The promise of freedom, the cause of Justice must not find any of us fast asleep! Thank- You Julian Bond.

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