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U. S. Commission on Civil Rights mourns the loss of civil rights leader Julian Bond

Washington, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights mourns the loss of civil rights leader Julian Bond. The civil rights movement has lost an icon. Julian Bond was a courageous leader in the fight for equal rights and social justice.

Bond’s tenacity helped pass the Voting Rights Act in 1965. He cofounded the Southern Poverty Law Center to ensure the fair enforcement civil rights laws. Bond served for ten years as the Chairman of the NAACP.

Bond was a champion for human rights, a leader in the fight against poverty, and a passionate advocate for the equal rights of LGBT people. Bond’s moral voice will continue to be a guide for everyone seeking to advance civil and human rights for all people.

Chairman Castro stated, “America has lost an icon; a man never afraid to speak truth to power. To Julian Bond the struggle for civil rights was constant and his impact on the Movement will never be forgotten. May he rest in peace knowing that he helped shape the lives of millions for the better.”

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