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American Legion National Commander remembers Rep. Cummings

INDIANAPOLIS (October 17, 2019)—The head of the nation's largest veterans service organization extended its condolences over today's passing of Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.

"We are saddened to learn of the passing of this distinguished leader in Congress," said The American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford. "He was a lifelong passionate champion of civil rights. He strived every day to make his country a better place and his voice will continue to resonate in congressional halls for decades to come. He will be missed by many."

With a current membership of nearly two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, patriotic youth programs and Americanism. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts worldwide. From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion is the most influential voice for America's veterans. The American Legion, www.legion.org, will be celebrating its centennial through Veteran Day.

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