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NALEO Mourns Loss of Congressman Elijah Cummings

Cummings, who cared deeply about his community, was a hero to all Americans

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today issued the following statement from President Ricardo Lara on the passing of Baltimore Congressman Elijah Cummings:

“NALEO and its members stand alongside the people of Baltimore and the nation to mourn the loss of Representative Cummings.

“As an unfaltering ally to the Latino community, Cummings demonstrated the courage to create meaningful change on many issues from voting rights to the Census. We are particularly grateful for his playing a critical role as chairman of the House Oversight Committee in defending the integrity of the 2020 decennial Census and challenging the Administration’s efforts to add an untested, unnecessary citizenship question.

“Representative Cummings’s leadership during such a pivotal and tumultuous time for our nation has been marked by his fortitude and strength in speaking out forcefully with honor and grace. As a champion for his constituents, he has established his place in history as a trailblazer in the fight for justice and protector of the Constitution.

“NALEO and other Latino organizations have been made stronger by the exemplary careers of black civil rights leaders like Congressman Cummings, who paved the way for much of the work we do today. In recognizing our communities’ shared experiences, we found a deep fellowship in his passion for justice.

“Our hearts are with his wife and NALEO Educational Fund champion Dr. Maya Rockeymoore-Cummings, his children, friends and constituents during this difficult time. His principled compassion, dedication and leadership will be missed.”

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About NALEO

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation's more than 6,600 Latino elected and appointed officials.