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Statement on the Passing of Louisville Urban League Board Member Woody Porter

On Monday, June 24th, Louisville lost a legend. Woodford R. Porter will be remembered for his laugh, the way he constantly encouraged us to fight the good fight and his unwavering support of his community. Woody regularly pushed through the pain caused by his health issues and tried to be a champion for his community, even if it meant depending on a cane or using a wheelchair.

Woody has been a cherished member of the Louisville Urban League Board of Directors for the past three years. He has provided wise counsel and a perspective that few others offer. Most of all, his was a fun and hopeful spirit who helped to breathe life and light into our work.

One of the hallmarks of his life was his encouragement to young leaders. It was not unusual to get a call from him asking what was needed or if there was anything he could do to help. His commitment was never empty, he always followed through. Woody was trustworthy and true, in business and in life.

Woody's legacy in this city will stand the test of time, not only through the business he helped to grow, but the through relationships he created, the trust he engendered, and the love and compassion he showed to friends and strangers alike.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Porter family and the entire Louisville community. So many will feel the weight of this loss. There are heroes who walk among us. We at the Louisville Urban League are blessed to have known this one. Rest well dear friend.

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