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Tyre Nichols is now another name on America's "List of Sorrow" – a growing list of epidemic proportion enumerating the victims of police brutality. Tyre was a son, a brother, a father, a partner, a friend; an innocent, whose life was brutally taken at the hands of the police who were sworn to protect the community, not murder its members.

The disturbing images and footage of Tyre Nichols made it impossible, yet again, to ignore what happens when a lack of training intersects with police officers drunken with personal power and opportunity. Tragically, because of the officers' and responding personnel's callous and inhumane treatment – and lack of medical treatment – nothing can undo what has been done to Tyre; there is no hope for his personal justice, he is beyond our reach to help. However, in his name and for his honor, the pressing need to insist on societal change through police reform and social justice initiatives has been renewed.

If we, as a society, do not actively become part of change, more names will be added to America's List of Sorrow. More lives will be taken. More families will suffer. More futures will be ruined. Regardless of the differences among us of race, gender, and/or religion, everyone deserves equal opportunity and a chance to live without fear. No one should have to worry when they leave their homes that they may not come back, that they may be the latest victim of police brutality.

Now more than ever, people from all walks of life need to join together in celebrating and honoring the life of Tyre Nichols by doing the necessary work to be his voice, and to help in doing whatever is necessary to stop this epidemic of police brutality and murder.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Tyre Nichols.