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90th Birthday Tribute Planned for Labor Legend William "Bill" Lucy

Bill Lucy to Reach 90th Birthday Milestone Nov. 26th;
CBTU to Host Lucy90 Birthday Tribute Dec. 10th

Washington, DC --

William "Bill" Lucy, the legendary labor leader who marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis in 1968 and cofounded the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists in 1972, will reach a rare milestone for a Black man on Nov. 26th. He will celebrate his 90th birthday.

So it is fitting for CBTU to host a grand 90th birthday tribute to celebrate this remarkable man and this remarkable milestone in American labor history. CBTU will host **"Bill Lucy at 90: Make a Joyful Noise!"** on Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 5pm - 8pm at the Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 700 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20004. Guest speakers and performers from across the country -- in labor, politics and entertainment -- will celebrate Brother Lucy, the recipient of two honorary doctorate degrees and a recipient of the NAACP's prestigious Chairman's Award.

CBTU President Terrence L. Melvin said, "Bill Lucy's impact has been profound; his presence is global. He is still the gold standard for visionary leadership. So many, including me, stand on his shoulders in awe and gratitude. That's why this moment is special and why we intend to make a joyful noise for William "Bill" Lucy, on Dec. 10th."

Why does Bill Lucy merit such an event? Because he has been the most influential African American labor leader since the late A. Philip Randolph. Over a career spanning more than seven decades, Bill Lucy has repeatedly landed at the crossroads of history -- Memphis, South Africa, Chicago 1972. As International Secretary Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, he helped redefine the role of African Americans in labor unions. Perhaps, most significantly, he led efforts to tap the potent political energy and voting clout of Black union households, an advantage that fueled Barack Obama's victorious presidential campaigns. He still lives comfortably at his home in Washington, DC, with frequent callers and regular visitors.

For more information about CBTU's 90th birthday tribute for Bill Lucy on Dec. 10th, go to www.Lucy90.com.