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**THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ACCESS, EQUITY AND DIVERSITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG**

*Organization of equal opportunity and diversity professionals conveys its condolences for the loss of
a pioneer for women's rights, civil rights and equal opportunity for all*

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Washington, DC, September 18, 2020 - The American Association for Access, Equity and Diversity (AAAED), an organization of equal opportunity, diversity and affirmative action professionals, mourns the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who passed away on September 18, 2020. She was 87 years old.

As with the passing of so many of our icons of access, equity and diversity in the past year, the nation has once again lost a giant, an icon of equal opportunity. "Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a pioneer for women's rights and civil rights. This is a day of sadness and reminiscence; of mourning and deep respect," said AAAED President Dr. Richard Anthony Baker. Justice Ginsburg died the way she lived: fighting and working for justice, even to the end. "With her passing, we have lost a standard bearer; a stalwart to whom we could look to defend the rights of women and minorities – including affirmative action and diversity programs. We, who are equal opportunity professionals owe Justice Ginsburg a debt that is incalculable," added Dr. Baker.

At the AAAED 46th National Conference and Annual Awards Ceremony – Virtual on October 8, 2020, the association will honor Rep. John Lewis, Rev. CT Vivian, Reps. Elijah Cummings, John Conyers and others. The conference will add to this august list a remembrance of the great Justice Ginsburg as well.

The conference, which begins on October 7, 2020, is open to the public and the press. For more information, go to: https://www.aaaed.org/aaaed/Conference_Agenda1.asp. Email: virtualconference2020@aaaed.org.

Founded in 1974 as the American Association for Affirmative Action (AAAA), AAAED is a national not-for-profit association of professionals working in the areas of equal opportunity, compliance and diversity. The longest-serving representative of individuals in the equal opportunity and diversity professions, AAAED has 46 years of leadership providing quality professional training to practitioners and promoting understanding and advocacy of affirmative action and other equal opportunity laws. Nearly one-half of its membership is composed of EEO professionals working for academic institutions.

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