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IN HONOR OF OUR BELOVED SISTER AND COMRADE LYNNE STEWART

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Dear Comrade Sister Lynne, As-salaamu 'alaykum!

I heard the news about your passing; but now I'm not guite sure. After a wave of sadness, I called Ralph. Although his voice was somber, his words were strong and determined. "We have to double our efforts to get all of our sisters and brothers out of prison!" I listened compassionately. He was giving me orders! Marching orders! Lynne's orders! I sat for a moment processing our conversation. Daggone you Lynne Stewart – frontline warrior, wife warrior, mother warrior, attorney warrior, friend warrior, warrior warrior; in the courtroom sitting when you were expected to stand and standing when they wanted you to sit; advocating and objecting to the judge's injustices. From prison you wrote me, Jihad, you need to organize the Muslims to get Imam Jamil, Maumin, Jalil, Aafia Siddigui, and all the other Muslim Political Prisoners out. Form a Muslim Caucus! Get them involved! We *gotta* do something more than what we are doing! After a Ralph-led full frontal assault, they let you out of prison with the high expectation of 18 months to live. You cheated death then and you're cheating it now. You're not dead; you're very much alive. You are living through each and every one of us who continues to struggle against any and all forms of injustice, state violence, racism, oppression, exploitation, and inhumanity. We hear your laughter and pointed remarks; your courageous analysis, your courageous actions, your courageous presence speaking truth to a tyrant, any tyrant. You were not afraid to call an ace an ace, a chump a chump, a friend a friend and an enemy an enemy. I pray I have that spark when I reach 77. (I'm still not sure whether you and Ralph were serious when we were at the ABC Conference in Colorado a few years ago and you said you wanted to get up early in the morning and work out and exercise with me). Thank you for representing us; for taking our cases; for demanding the freedom of all Political Prisoners. Thank you for being there! You and that brotherman of yours. You are such a profound inspiration. Keep on giving them orders and we'll talk again soon!

Your brother in struggle and speaking for the Jericho Movement and Family, Jihad Abdulmumit

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