In 1963, COFO (Council of Federation Organizations) made 1017 John R. Lynch Street its home and this location served as its state HQ. COFO was founded in 1961 as an umbrella organization to unify civil rights organizations like SNCC, CORE, SCLC, NAACP and others. In 2011, Jackson State University opened the COFO Civil Rights Education Center to honor the past.