**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: REP. JOHN LEWIS AND ANDREW AYDIN – THREE EVENTS**

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**EVENT #1: Monday, May 8, 2017, An Evening with Rep. John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, 7:00 PM, New Trier High School, Northfield Campus, Cornog Auditorium, 7 Happ Rd., Northfield, 60093. NOTE: RSVPs required, with check-in procedure at event. Seating is first come, first served. RSVP:** [**https://lewisaydin.eventbrite.com**](https://lewisaydin.eventbrite.com)

**EVENT #2: Tuesday, May 9, 2017, An Evening with Rep. John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, 7:00 PM, Francis W. Parker School, Heller Auditorium, 2233 N. Clark St., Chicago, 60614. NOTE: RSVPs requested by Parker, no check-in procedure at event. Seating is first come, first served. RSVP:** [**www.bit.ly/FANLewisAydin**](http://www.bit.ly/FANLewisAydin)

**EVENT #3: Wednesday, May 10, 2017, A Morning with Rep. John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, 10:00 AM, The University of Chicago, Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, 60637. NOTE: No RSVPs required, seating is first come, first served.**

When **John Lewis,** the **U.S. Representative for Georgia’s 5th District** and an American icon known for his role in the civil rights movement, was a college student in Nashville, Tennessee, he attended a workshop on nonviolence that changed his life. Based on the principles of Gandhi and the recent Montgomery Bus Boycott, it also included a comic book — *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story* — as a take-home study aid in nonviolent resistance. Fifty years later, he teamed with co-writer **Andrew Aydin**, his **Congressional Digital Director** and **Policy Advisor,** and artist **Nate Powell** to adapt his own incredible life story into a 3-part series of award-winning graphic novels, entitled ***March***. The *March* series is a #1 *New York Times*-bestselling phenomenon, earning a **Robert F. Kennedy Book Award** and the **2016 National Book Award for Nonfiction.**

Rep. Lewis was chairman of the **Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)** and one of the “Big Six” national leaders of the movement, alongside such figures as Martin Luther King, Jr. and A. Philip Randolph. As SNCC chairman, Lewis was an architect of, and the youngest featured speaker at, the historic **1963 March on Washington**, and was a key figure in the **1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer**. Together with Hosea Williams, he led the landmark “Bloody Sunday” March in Selma, Alabama, where police brutality spurred national outrage and hastened passage of the **Voting Rights Act of 1965**. Rep. Lewis was awarded the **Medal of Freedom** by President Barack Obama in 2011, and was the first recipient of the **John F. Kennedy “Profile in Courage” Lifetime Achievement Award**.

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