



US Congressman John Lewis

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US Congressman John Lewis of Georgia Connects With Young Men in BOLD Program

Columbus, Ohio, February 1, 2011 – Carter D. Womack, president and CEO of Leadership At Its Best, LLC., launched the **BOLD Connection** conference call with civil rights leader and U.S. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia.

The program known as **BOLD, Black-male Orientation to Leadership Development**, is delivered to elementary, middle and high school students throughout the school year, and is designed to offer an awareness of the importance of education, positive African-American leadership, understanding the importance of community and having a strong positive male self image.

Leadership At Its Best, LLC., conducts **BOLD** programs in Columbus, Ohio, at Brookhaven High School, Medina Middle School and Maize and North Linden Elementary Schools.

The **BOLD Connection...A Intergenerational Conversation Among Men** is a conference call designed to have middle and high school young men connect with

African-American men nationally, who have made significant contributions and have had a positive effect on the lives of people in our communities. The **BOLD Connection** conference call will be held monthly in the evenings for one hour, and will give our young men the opportunity to talk with men like Congressman John Lewis who they may never have had the opportunity to meet," said Carter D Womack, president and chief executive officer of Leadership At Its Best, LLC.

On the **BOLD Connection** conference call held with Congressman Lewis on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, the congressman talked about his background, his involvement with the civil rights movement in the 1960s, and what he does each day in our nation's capital as a U.S. Congressman.

Congressman Lewis recalled the time when he was one of 10 speakers at the legendary March on Washington, made famous by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s passionate "I Have A Dream" speech. Sadly, Lewis is the only living person left of the 10 speakers that addressed the crowd that day. He shared stories of the civil rights movement, and the effect that segregation and discrimination had on him as a young man, and how one inspirational meeting he had in his late teens with Rosa Parks and Dr. King convinced him to dedicate his life to positive change, nonviolence and love.

Additionally, the congressman shared how he was so proud to be greeted by Barack Obama as he entered the stage to take the oath of office as President. " As I stood there, my mind went back to Dr. King and all the men and women who fought and died so that Blacks could have all the same rights and privileges as whites, and I cried tears of joy as President Obama was sworn in" said Congressman Lewis.

At the end of the call, young men in the program had a great question and answer period with the Congressman, and spoke very freely with him. It was truly a **BOLD Connection**.

Carter D. Womack, and his talented team, create, direct, and deliver leadership programs in public and charter schools and on university campuses across the United States utilizing a variety of personal development modules for young people.

Leadership At Its Best will host **BOLD** conferences for 100-150 young men, in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday March 5, 2011 and in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday March 26, 2011. **BOLD** Conferences are being scheduled in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Akron during the spring of 2011. The conferences are open to young men ages 13-19 who are enrolled in middle or high school.

Contact Leadership At Its Best for more information on their **BOLD** programs, The African-American Male High School Leadership Program and the College Leadership Program at www.leadershipaib.com or carter@LeadershipAIB.com



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