

# IF NOT US, THEN WHO?



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— CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS, May 16, 1961 as a 21 year old participant in The Freedom Rides.

CELEBRATING THE MARCH TOWARD A MORE PERFECT UNION

**FREEDOM  
ON THE  
MOVE**



**ERNEST GREEN, 16 | LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS** Ernest was one of nine black students who enrolled at Central High School in Little Rock three years after the Brown v. Board of Education ruling ended public school segregation. On orders from the governor, the students were blocked from entering by the Arkansas National Guard. They eventually were allowed to attend the school under federal protection. Ernest was the first black student to graduate from Central High in 1958 and later served in the administration of President Jimmy Carter.

**THESE VOICES WERE HEARD.**

**HECTOR PIETERSON, 12 | SOWETO, SOUTH AFRICA** On June 16, 1976, Hector joined a peaceful march against the mandatory use in schools of the Afrikaans language used by most whites. The march ended in a deadly clash with police, in what became known as the Soweto Uprising. Today, the Hector Pieterse Museum in Soweto tells the story of the victory over apartheid. And June 16 is celebrated as National Youth Day.

**YOURS CAN BE TOO.**

**CLAUDETTE COLVIN, 15 | MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA** Claudette refused to give up her seat on a bus 10 months before the actions of Rosa Parks led to the Montgomery bus boycott. She was arrested, but later was part of the legal case that challenged segregated buses. Federal courts ruled in December 1956 that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

