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The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Mourns the Loss of Former South African President and Anti-Apartheid Leader Nelson Mandela

Baton Rouge, Louisiana —Friday, December 6, 2013— Today the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC), mourn the loss of Nelson "Rolihlahla" Mandela, a true humanitarian. Mr. Mandela, a man who led the defeat of apartheid in South Africa, after emerging from prison to set free a nation and be evidence to the world what can be done collectively, has transitioned to his reward.

LLBC Chairman, State Representative Katrina Jackson shared, "Yesterday we lost a man who taught this world how to triumph in the midst of adversity, love unconditionally regardless of how others misuse you and showed us how to fight not with our fist but with our intellect!!! He embodied the courage to hope and dream under even the most oppressive circumstances."

As the world together express grief for this loss, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus conveys words of comfort to the family, the country of South Africa and the world at large.

Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the LLBC is to raise the quality of life for African Americans, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.

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