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Deepak Obhrai Pays Final Respects to Mandela in South Africa

Hon Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights travelled to Johannesburg, South Africa, on December 8, 2013, to pay his final respects to Nelson Mandela, former President of the Republic of South Africa. Mr. Obhrai will accompany the Prime Minister and his wife Laureen, and a Canadian delegation.

“Nelson Mandela’s fight to end apartheid had a tremendous impact on me when I was growing up in Tanzania when apartheid dominated South Africa. Canadians were touched deeply by his life and relentless pursuit of equality, justice and freedom for all people.

But Mandela was also a passionate crusader against AIDS, received the joint Nobel Peace Prize, became an honorary Canadian citizen and was made Companion of the Order of Canada.

Canada joins South Africa and the world in mourning and celebrating a unique and special leader, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

Mr. Obhrai will attend the public memorial for Mr. Mandela, which takes place on December 10 in Johannesburg, South Africa, as well as his lying in state in Pretoria, South Africa, on December 11.

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