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Growing up in Tanzania, Mandela's anti-apartheid fight had a tremendous impact on me, Obhrai tells Parliament

(Ottawa, December 6, 2013) Hon. Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights, today made the following statement in the House of Commons, in response to a question:

“Mr. Speaker, 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.”

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