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Passing of Nelson Mandela

An Inspiration to All

Orange, NJ, December 6, 2013. There are moments in life that demand that we stop and pause for reflection. The passing of Nelson Mandela is one of those moments. I have been fortunate to have met this world leader and global symbol of equality. He demonstrated humility, a commitment to service, and a steadfast determination to resist the oppression of apartheid. I was also fortunate to witness my uncle, the late Democratic Assemblyman Willie B. Brown stand and insist that New Jersey refrain from working with firms doing business in South Africa because of the country's policy on racial segregation.

As with Nelson Mandela, my uncle experienced opposition; however despite this he prevailed and Governor Thomas Kean signed a landmark anti-apartheid bill sponsored by my uncle. These acts of principle and conviction inspired me to serve.

At this moment, during this period of great loss for the world, I can only stop and reflect upon the legacy of President Mandela and the spirit in which he served his country. He will be missed, but he will live on through the work of courageous, caring, and determined leaders.

Thank you President Mandela for being an inspiration to us all.

Rest in Peace.