

HULDEBLYK AAN NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA

Ons geliefde Madiba, baie, baie dankie vir dit wat u vir ons en ons land gedoen het.

U stryd vir geregtigheid, vryheid en gelykheid was 'n voorbeeld nie alleen vir alle Suid-Afrikanners nie maar ook vir die hele wêreld.

U visie wat u so getrou nagevolg het om 'n vry en regverdige Suid-Afrika vir al ons mense te skep, sal ons nooit vergeet nie. U nalatenskap wat betref versoening, het nie alleen vir ons nie maar die hele wêreld verstom. U het ons almal inderdaad vry gemaak.

Madiba, u het ons ook weer trots gemaak om 'n Suid Afrikaner genoem te word en u was 'n inspirasie vir ons almal.

U was enig in u soort –'n wêreldikoon wat reeds in die annale van die wêreldgeskiedenis opgeneem is. Die wêreld sal u onthou as 'n voorbeeld van waarna die mensdom behoort te strew.

U menslikheid, nederigheid en deernis was ongeëwenaard en ons sal dit altyd onthou en koester.

U het ons geïnspireer om hierdie visie verder te neem en uit te bou. Ons sal ons te alle tye beywer om hierdie nalatenskap verder te voer en om toe te sien dat alle huidige en toekomstige leiers in die wêreld dit ook hulle eie maak.

Tata Madiba, mag u rus in vrede. U doel op aarde is volbring. Ons sal u nooit vergeet nie.

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President van die Konvokasie van die Universiteit van Pretoria

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TRIBUTE TO NELSON ROLIHLAHLA MANDELA

Our beloved Madiba, we thank you very much for what you did for us and for our country.

Your struggle for justice, freedom and equality was an example, not only for all South Africans, but indeed for the whole world.

We will never lose sight of your vision of creating a free and fair South Africa for all our people, to which you adhered so faithfully. Your legacy of reconciliation astounded not only your countrymen but the whole world. You indeed liberated all of us.

Madiba, you made us all proud to be called South African and were a true inspiration to us all.

You were one of a kind – a world icon who has already been included in the annals of world history. The world will remember you as the epitome of what humanity should strive to become.

We will always remember and cherish your humanity, humility and compassion, which were unparalleled.

You have inspired us to spread and further enhance your vision. We will make it our task to disseminate your legacy far beyond our borders and to ensure that it is embraced by all current and future world leaders.

Tata Madiba, may you rest in peace. Your mission on earth has been accomplished. We will never forget you.

Leo Haese

President of the Convocation of the University of Pretoria

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