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from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford Hosts 100th Birthday Celebration for Nelson Mandela

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) hosts the 5th year anniversary naming of Mandela Road and Mandela birthday celebration on July 18th at 11:30 a.m. at the corner of Chicago Avenue and Cicero Avenue (Mandela Road) in Chicago.

Nelson Mandela International Day was launched in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday on July 18, via unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly in 2009. It was inspired by a call Nelson Mandela made a year earlier for the next generation to take on the burden of leadership in addressing the world's social injustices when he said that "it is in your hands now". The celebration is intended to be more than a celebration of Mandela's life and legacy, but a global movement to honor his life's work and act to change the world for the better.

To honor Nelson Mandela, the late South African statesman, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and First President of the post-apartheid South Africa, State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, introduced House Joint Resolution 89 in 2014 designating the portion of Cicero Avenue from Grand Avenue to Roosevelt Road as Mandela Road. The resolution passed both the House and the Senate in unanimous, bipartisan votes. The dedication of the naming of Mandela Road occurred on July 18, 2014, Mandela's birthday.

"On July 18th we will honor President Mandela, and will join the movement of change-makers to do our part to in the spirit of Mandela to spread social justice and freedom for all. This is our chance to become a part of a continuous global movement for good," said Ford. "Let us all emulate the servant leader we loved by becoming servant leaders ourselves. By becoming a Mandela Day change-maker and doing something that effects positive change every day, we can show that actions speak louder than words.

Ford represents the 8th Representative District, which contains parts of Chicago's Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact Rep. Ford's District Office at 773-378-5902 or visit www.LaShawnFord.com.

WHO: Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Alderman EMMA Mitts, Westside Health Authority, Good Neighbor Austin, Loretto Hospital, Healing Temple Church, New Yerusalem Lodge # 158 F, AM PHA, Schweet, Brown Sugar Bakery, Jamaican Grill

WHAT: Celebration of President Nelson Mandela's Birthday, the 5th Year Anniversary of the Naming of Mandela Road

WHEN: Wednesday, July 18th, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: 4800 W. Chicago Avenue at Cicero Ave (Mandela Road), Chicago

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