



SHERIFF EARNELL R. LUCAS

Statement From Sheriff Earnell R. Lucas Regarding the Passing of Former Secretary of State General Colin L. Powell

I am saddened by the passing of former Secretary of State General Colin L. Powell. A towering figure in American politics and military history, General Powell was a man of impeccable integrity and unwavering commitment to our country.

General Powell rose from humble roots as the son of Jamaican immigrants to a leader on the battlefield and in American diplomacy. He served our nation in the Vietnam War, where he would earn the rank of general. He later served as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he led American coalition forces during the invasion of Panama and commanded forces during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield in the first Persian Gulf War.

General Powell was a trusted advisor to several United States presidents, serving in numerous capacities, including National Security Advisor and Secretary of State. General Powell retired from public service in 2004 and became a prize-winning author and respected public speaker.

I had the privilege of being in the company of General Powell on occasion and was in awe of his command presence, his compassion and dignity. General Powell will long be remembered for his love of country and as one of the finest citizen-soldiers this country has ever produced.

I send my deepest condolences to his wife, Alma, their children, and a grateful nation that honors the service of this great leader.

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