

## Remembering Mandela's "Long Walk to Freedom" at the White House

PRESIDENT OBAMA: There's nobody in my lifetime that has had such a profound effect on how people feel worldwide about the possibilities of the human spirit than Nelson Mandela.

ZINDZI MANDELA: Here we are. I know that my father inspired him tremendously. And here we are with these two histories merging, to be hosted here by President Obama, and for an event that talks about the legacy of my father, which has inspired him as well. I just -- this mixture of all these histories and emotions coming together is something that I'm very honored to be a part of.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: When he walked out to a new South Africa, it was around the same time, obviously, that the Berlin Wall came down. And I think, for so many of us, there was this incredible sense that the human spirit can't be contained forever, that eventually truth and justice will win out.

IDRIS ELBA: He sacrificed to make a statement about freedom, and I think it's really important that young people see that, you know, not that long ago, someone had to make that sort of a statement and that sacrifice.

ZINDZI MANDELA: I think the greatest -- the greatest part of his legacy is how he has demonstrated how the human spirit can triumph over adversity, and that's what it's all about.

DONALD GIPS: I wear this bracelet which has his prison number on it to remind myself of how you live a life and how you lead. He's a man who spent 27 years in prison, is freed, and forgives his captors and provides leadership. And in a world where we're too divided, we need more leaders like Nelson Mandela to remind us that our responsibility is to bring people together.