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MWRD Board of Commissioners honors life of Nelson Mandela

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners paid tribute to the life of Nelson Mandela during its last Board meeting of the year on Dec. 19. Mandela passed away on Dec. 5, 2013.

Vice President Barbara McGowan and Commissioner Frank Avila presented a resolution honoring Mandela to Edmund Okoli, a member of the United African Council (UAC). Okoli has worked as an environmental specialist with the MWRD for 15 years.

“Nelson Mandela exemplified forgiveness and peace,” said Commissioner Avila. “He forgave everyone who had ever wronged him, even his prison guard. He certainly embodies the traits of a great leader.”



In the photo: MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan (on the left) reflected on the life of Nelson Mandela and presented a resolution to Edmund Okoli on behalf of the United African Council.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.