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CHICAGO — Johnson Publishing Company, LLC (JPC) announced that JET magazine will release a special commemorative issue on Nelson Mandela and a special editorial tribute to the legend in the February issue of Ebony magazine.

Both magazines will pay homage to Mandela through a unique collection of stories and photographs dedicated to memorializing an individual who changed the course of history.

Inside the JET commemorative issue, readers will find a celebration of the life, accomplishments and legacy of Mandela, exclusive images of Mandela, including photos of him with notable figures such as Whitney Houston, Muhammad Ali and Michael Jackson, a timeline of key moments in Mandela's life and career, an outline of unsung heroes and corporations who supported Mandela and took a stand to end apartheid in South Africa and commentary from a variety of leaders, including remarks from Oprah Winfrey on how Mandela impacted her life.

Inside the Ebony tribute issue, readers will find a reflection on the life of Mandela, a photo spread from the Ebony archives stories of Mandela's experience in prison, an account of the apartheid protests and articles on how Mandela was a revolutionary, a hero and a legend by notable figures such as Michael Eric Dyson, Jesse Jackson and Randall Robinson.

JPC has approximately 1,000 original images of Mandela, covering his life from his presidential inauguration to his various travels in the United States and other countries.

JPC issued the following statement regarding the death of Mandela.

"We at Johnson Publishing Company, along with countless people around the world, mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela. As the curator of the African-American experience, we are honored to have had the opportunity to chronicle, in both EBONY and JET, his triumphs as he fought for racial injustice. We admire his strength, grace, fortitude, compassion and unswerving dedication to the people of South Africa and the world. He is remarkable legend and an icon who cannot be replaced."