

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Statement on the Passing of Muhammad Ali

Ali Was the Conscience that Uplifted Our Nation

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ALEXANDRIA, VA– Today, Sunday, June 5, 2016, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) President Gregory Thomas, released the following statement on the passing of Muhammad Ali:

“The members of NOBLE are mourning the loss of a friend, advocate, and civil rights leader. An American Hero and Heavyweight champion of the world, Ali has produced some of America’s greatest sports memories from the Olympic Gold medal in 1960 to his climbing the steps to light the torch at 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Ali was not just a boxing legend, but a civil rights champion. Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's Syndrome in 1990, Ali continued to dedicate his life to universal freedom and human rights. He was the conscience that uplifted our nation. Ali's brave stance of joining the Nation of Islam and changing his name from Cassius Clay and his willingness to stage boxing matches abroad to increase awareness of developing nations deepened his message of advocacy and human rights. Although it was against U.S. foreign policy at the time, Ali led good will missions to Afghanistan and Cuba. Throughout his life, he continued his countless charitable contributions within the US and abroad.

Ali’s life and work helped the founders of NOBLE fort years ago to create an organization to enhance the intersection of civil rights and law enforcement through advocacy, awareness, and training. He gave us all the courage and confidence to believe that justice is indeed for all. Farewell champ!

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About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.