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### **Leon H. Sullivan Foundation to Honor Former Secretary of State Colin Powell**

**CONGRATULATORY DINNER WILL HIGHLIGHT CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Washington, DC –The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation will host a celebratory dinner in honor of former U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell on Saturday, May 7, 2005 in Washington, DC. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

“Secretary Powell has had a very illustrious career and we want to acknowledge and support him for his great contributions to our country,” said Hope Sullivan, President and CEO of the Sullivan Foundation. “He personifies leadership in such a dignified manner, we feel honored to be able to share in the celebration of his outstanding achievements.”

General Powell has distinguished himself in the area of diplomacy, intelligence gathering and the military. He was the first African American to hold several senior positions in the executive branch of the U.S. government. Aside from being Secretary of State, General Powell also is renowned for being director of the National Security Council, and more notably, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest position in the U. S. military.

General Powell served in the military for 35 years and has received numerous awards including two Presidential Medals of Freedom, the President’s Citizens Medal, the Congressional Gold Medal, the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Named after the legendary world leader, statesman and Philadelphia minister Reverend Leon H. Sullivan, the Foundation was established in 2001 to promote the principles of self-help, thereby empowering underprivileged people and advocating social responsibility worldwide.

**WHO:** The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation  
**WHAT:** Dinner and Tribute to Secretary Powell  
**WHERE:** The Omni Shoreham Hotel - Washington, DC  
**WHEN:** May 7, 2005  
**COST:** \$175 U.S.D.  
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