

UW: President Thompson statement on death of General Colin Powell

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MADISON, Wis.—University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson issued this statement today on the death of General Colin Powell:

“General Colin Powell was an exemplary leader who I had the privilege of serving with as a member of President George W. Bush’s cabinet. To know General Powell was to respect him and his intellect, experience, and common-sense wisdom. He was a consummate soldier for our country from the start to the finish.

“His aim was to make the world a better place. I worked with him to help establish the Global Fund in 2002 that has provided life-changing and life-saving treatment for people in poor nations afflicted with AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. We took the idea to President Bush, and with General Powell’s advocacy, we helped make this idea from Kofi Annan of the U.N. a reality. The Global Fund partnership has since saved 44 million lives. The country could always count on General Powell, and I was witness to his extraordinary leadership.”