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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The passing of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Ghana Armed Forces, His Excellency Professor John Evans Atta Mills on Tuesday 24 July 2012 left Ghanaians in a state of shock. However, in less than three weeks, the Funeral Planning Committee successfully planned and executed a fitting send-off for our late President.

2. It is therefore with pleasure and great pride that I write on behalf of the Ministry of Defence and the Ghana Armed Forces through you to extend our official commendation and personal thanks for the professional manner in which your committee handled the burial and funeral celebration of our Late President, in spite of the anticipated challenges.

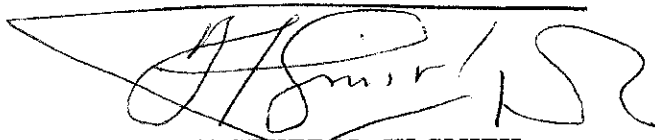
3. The dedication and zeal, combined with the technical expertise and advice from your committee portrays their capacity for responsibility and fine qualities of leadership. You have made us all proud, with your sincere determination and serious efforts, the planning and execution of the task was excellent. You did a great job indeed.

4. It is therefore with pride and appreciation that our profound thanks go out to your committee for the results you have achieved. I trust that your recognition will be a source of lasting inspiration to all and sundry. It will therefore be unthinkable for such an event to occur without a few of the highlights on your achievements being concisely recorded and commended.

5. It is a time for you to look back with pride and satisfaction on your achievement. You very well deserve this congratulation for your hard work and dedication.

6. I therefore take this opportunity once again through you, to commend the Funeral Planning Committee for an excellent job and urge all Ghanaians to join me recognize your important contribution to the Nation.

7. I look forward to seeing your continued success and activity in the service of the Nation. Once again, Honourable, please convey our commendations to your Team for a job excellently done.



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