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ON THE DEMISE OF THE HON. KULOW MAALIM HASSAN, MP, MEMBER FOR BANISSA CONSTITUENCY

Honourable Members,

- 1. I wish to welcome you back from the short recess. I hope that you have had the opportunity to interact with your constituents in order to get fully seized of their priority issues of concern requiring the attention of this House. It is also my expectation that the short break availed sufficient time to committees to conclude several matters that had been committed to them, such as vetting of nominees for various state appointments and consideration of Bills, and are now ready to present such business to the House for consideration.
- Honourable Members, it is however unfortunate that we are resuming business for the Second Part of this Session on a sad note, following the untimely demise of one of our colleagues in this House during the recess period.

- 3. You may recall that I did notify all Honourable Members and the general public of the passing on of the Member for Banissa Constituency, **the Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan, MP**, on the morning of Wednesday, 29th March 2023. The late Member died at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi, where he was undergoing treatment after he was involved in a tragic accident that occurred on Saturday, 18th March 2023 within Nairobi City.
- 4. Honourable Members, the late Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan was born in Mandera County. The Hon. Hassan was a holder of Master of Science Degree in Development Studies and a Bachelor of Education Degree, both from Kenyatta University, and a Diploma in Education from Siriba Teachers College. He studied at Mandera High School, where he obtained both the Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education (K.A.C.E.) and the Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE).
- 5. The late Hon. Hassan was an accomplished teacher. After graduating from Siriba Teachers College, he taught at Wajir High School before proceeding to Sheikh Ali School in Rhamu, Mandera County, where he also served as the Deputy Principal. Thereafter, he moved to Kigari Teachers College as a lecturer until 1992 when he quit teaching and took up a new job as a Project Coordinator at the Arid Regional Integrated Agency. The late Hon. Hassan also served as a Director/Board Member of the Kenya Airports Authority between 2013 and 2015, after which he left to take a stab at politics.
- 6. **Honourable Members,** until his premature demise, the late Hon. Hassan was serving his second term as the Member of Parliament for Banissa Constituency. He was first elected in 2017 on the Economic Freedom Party (EFP) and re-elected in 2022 through the United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party.

- 7. The late Member will be remembered as a dedicated legislator, both in the House and as a member of the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and the Public Accounts Committee. In the 12th Parliament, the late Hon. Hassan diligently served in the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing.
- 8. In him, the people of Banissa Constituency and indeed the country had a devoted, conciliatory, affable and non-confrontational servant-leader who cherished peace and always pursued harmonious settlement to issues. His character was defined by humility, high reverence for God and prayerfulness, even attested to by the fact that his untimely death occurred when he was going to the mosque to pray.
- 9. **Honourable Members**, although burial rites for our departed colleague were concluded on the day of his demise, that is, on Wednesday, 29th March 2023 in accordance with Islamic traditions, I constituted an *Ad Hoc* Funeral Committee in line with the Parliamentary Service Commission's Bereavement Policy. The Committee, which was chaired by the Member for Mandera North Constituency, the Hon. Maj. (Rtd) Bashir Abdullahi, MP, continued liaising with the family of the deceased Member and coordinating the National Assembly's support to the family. To this end, I thank all Hon. Members for according the bereaved family benevolent support in keeping with the tradition of this House.
- 10. **Honourable Members**, on behalf of all Members of the National Assembly, the entire Parliamentary fraternity, and indeed on my own behalf, I convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan, the people of Banissa Constituency, all his relatives and friends for the loss of such a gallant leader.

11. **Finally,** in honour of the dedicated service rendered to the National Assembly, the nation and the people of Banissa Constituency by the late Hon. Hassan, I request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.

May God rest the soul of the late Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan in eternal peace.

I thank you.

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 11th April 2023