



**CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HON. JUSTIN MUTURI M.P., TO THE
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE MAMA REBECCA CHEBET
LABOSO, 4TH MAY 2013**

**The Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya,
Hon, (Dr.) Joyce Laboso, M.P.**

**The entire family of the late Mama Rebecca Laboso,
The residents of Sotik,
Hon. Members of Parliament,
Fellow Kenyans**

It is with great grief and sadness that I stand before you, this afternoon on behalf of all Members and Staff of Parliament; and on my own behalf, to express our deep sense of sorrow over the passing on of Mama Rebecca Laboso.

The passing on of Mama Laboso marks a dark moment of her family and the country at large. Kenya has lost a most seasoned and candid mother, devoted servant of God in the Mothers Union of ACK Church and a hard working hands on leader who endeavored to give everything for what she believed in and in so doing displayed exceptional courage, tenacity and humility.

In scattered glimpse the earth is blessed to have extraordinary individuals who touch and transform the world. The bible tells us in Mathew 23:11 that "*the greatest among you will be your servant*" St. Paul states further in 1 Peter 4:10-11 that "*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-in order that in everything god may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*"

As I reflected on the life of the late Mama Laboso and on these verses, I have no doubt that she is the person contemplated in Mathew 23:11. Her great mind, resolute character and commitment to the general welfare of the people of this county and our Nation, positively changed and saved counties lives as a nurse, helped to restore peace and order as a Member of the Council of Elders of the Kalenjin Community, won many lives for the Christ as a Christian who walked the talk, fed many who were hungry as a farmer; just to mention a few accomplishments out of her admirable array. In a nutshell, **she has been described by the Girl Guide fraternity as an active, generous, supportive, good turn player, national participator in development projects, implementer of peer education your women and youth in general and HIV awareness.**

Fellow Christians,

Through the Late Laboso, God showed all of us the window of possibility for a better country and improved livelihoods. Indeed if only a quarter in leadership positions looked up and acted like Mama Laboso and embraced their respective mandates with similar zeal as she did, then Kenya would be a multitude of steps from where she stands today.

It is true that each of us is created and comes for a short visit on earth, for a divine purpose, which it is our duty to discern. From the standpoint of daily life, there is one thing we do know for sure: that we are here for the sake of fellow human beings, for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a natural bond and our endeavour would be to leave the world a better place than we found it, as no doubt the late Rebecca has done.

And in a world where the family as the basic societal unit is increasingly under threat, the late Mama Laboso stood for preservation and honouring of the family. She loved her family so much so that, the love spread out and touched many Kenyans, most of whom he never knew.

Allow me at this point, on behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly to restate our condolences to her children, relatives, the people of Sotik, friends, church, congregation and all Kenyans who hold her in high esteem.

May the Almighty God grant comfort to you all during this trying period of pain and sorrow. May the good Lord give strength and grace to the family during this trying moment and may his soul rest in Eternal Peace. Amen.

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