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**COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR**

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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE SUDDEN  
DEMISE OF THE LATE HON. SEN. MUTULA KILONZO**

**Honorable Members,**

It is with a lot of sorrow that we have learnt of the sad news of the sudden demise of the late Senator for Makueni County and immediate former Minister for Education, the late Hon. Mutula Kilonzo. The late Mutula Kilonzo passed on last Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 at his ranch in Maanzoni, Machakos County.

The late Senator Mutula Kilonzo was born in 1948 to the late Wilson Kilonzo and Rhoda Koki Kilonzo. He was educated at Mbooni Primary School and Machakos High School before joining University of Dar es Salaam in 1969, graduating with a First Class Honours Degree in Law—the first in the East African region. He was later admitted to the bar in 1976.

**Honorable Members,**

Upon graduation from the School of Law, he went into private legal practice by opening a law firm which thrust him to limelight in the manner in which the firm handled the clients' cases. The late Kilonzo also served as Chairman of the Law Society of Kenya 1983-5 and was also a former Member of the International Bar Association and African Bar Association. Because of his sterling performance in the legal profession, the late Mutula was decorated as Elder of the Order of the Burning Spear (EBS) of Kenya in 1994. Later in 2003 he was appointed Senior Counsel of Kenya under the Advocates Act. He was an astute lawyer and a legal practitioner of distinction who recorded significant successes in his long career.

### **Honorable Members,**

The late Mutula made his political debut in 2003 when he was nominated by KANU as Member of Parliament. In 2007 he was elected Member of Parliament for Mbooni Constituency. Honourable Members will also remember that he also served as one of the Mediators in the Panel of the Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Process in early 2008, helping to steer the country back to the path of peace. In April 2008 the late Mutula Kilonzo was appointed Minister for Nairobi Metropolitan Development. In December the same year he was decorated as Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart of Kenya (EGH). The late Member also served between May 2009 and March 27th, 2012 as Minister for Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs,

and thereafter as Minister for Education on 28th March, 2012 till his election as Senator for Makueni County.

In his contribution in the House, the late Mutula was an avid debater and stickler to detail. He will also be remembered for his role in midwifing the Constitutional process as the Minister in charge. His colleagues in the Senate and Parliament in general shall miss his contribution and counsel, particularly in dealing with the remaining legislation relating to the implementation of the Constitution and more so devolution.

**Honourable Members,**

Allow me, on my own behalf and on behalf of all Members of this House and the Senate and staff of both Houses, to pass our heartfelt condolences to the family, the people of Makueni and all his friends for the loss of such a great patriot, a citizen worth emulating and a great family man.

I wish to now ask all **Honourable Members** to stand to observe a minute's silence in honour of the departed colleague.

**Thank you!**

**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
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