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**ON THE DEMISE OF THE MEMBER FOR KABUCHAI  
CONSTITUENCY, THE LATE HON. JAMES LUSWETI MUKWE, MP**

**Honourable Members,**

As you are aware, I did notify Members of the National Assembly and the entire parliamentary fraternity of the untimely passing on of the Member for Kabuchai Constituency, the Hon. James Lusweti Mukwe, MP on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Upon receiving the sudden news of the death of the Member, I constituted an *Ad-Hoc* Committee under the chairmanship of the Member for Kwanza Constituency, the Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP to assist the family with funeral and related arrangements on behalf of the National Assembly in line with the Parliamentary Service Commission Bereavement Policy.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. James Lusweti made his first attempt into elective national politics as a Ford-Kenya youth winger in mid 1990s. In 2002 he successfully vied for and won the seat of Councillor for Chwele Ward in the then Bungoma County Council. He was re-elected in 2007.

During his tenure as Councillor, Hon. Lusweti earned the trust of his fellow councillors and got elected as the Chairman for Bungoma County Council in 2004, a position he held until 2007.

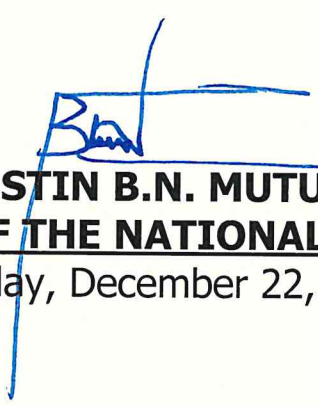
The late Hon. Lusweti was known for his servant leadership approach as a Councillor and the Chairman of Bungoma County Council, which catapulted him to the National Assembly when he successfully vied for the Kabuchai Constituency Parliamentary seat on a Ford Kenya Party ticket in 2013. He was re-elected in 2017 and continued to diligently serve the people until his untimely death on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The Parliamentary community knew him as a humble, sociable and hardworking person. Until his death, he actively served as a Member of the Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunities. Before then, he served as a Member of the Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund and the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives in the 12<sup>th</sup> Parliament and the Budget and Appropriations Committee and Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing in the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

We will all remember the late Hon. Lusweti for his passionate advocacy for the education rights of children and entrenchment of sound fiscal management of public funds allocated to ensure universal access to basic education.

**Honourable Members,** I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Ad-Hoc Committee lead by the Member for Kwanza Constituency, the Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP, all Members and the entire Parliamentary fraternity for the support extended to the family during the funeral of our departed colleague, who was interred at his home in Chwele location, Kabuchai Constituency on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

**Honourable Members,** On behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly, and indeed on my own behalf, I once again convey the heartfelt condolences of the National Assembly and that of the entire parliamentary fraternity to the family of the late Hon. James Mukwe, his relatives, friends and the people of Kabuchai Constituency.

**Honourable Members, In tribute and honour to our departed colleague the Late Hon. James Mukwe Lusweti, MP, I request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.**



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

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

