

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

NOTIFICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

It is with profound sorrow that I hereby 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 Friday, 4th December 2020 while undergoing treatment at the Nairobi Hospital.

The late Hon. James Lusweti was born on 12th February 1958. He attended Sanandiki Primary School from 1975 to 1981 and thereafter joined Namwela High School from 1982 to 1985 where he sat the Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE). Despite having missed the opportunity to advance his education immediately after his KCE in 1985, his passion for education remained unquenched. It is from that unquenchable thirst that, in 2011, he revived the dream of furthering his education by enrolling for a Diploma in Public Administration at Moi University, Chepkoilel Campus where he graduated in 2012.

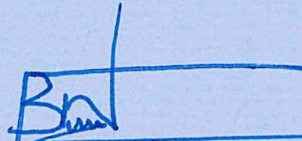
Prior to his election as a Member of Parliament, the Hon. Lusweti, who, until his death was serving for a Second Term in Parliament, had worked as an Accounts Clerk at the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation from 1987 to 1992.

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 Councilor for Chwele Ward in the then Bungoma County Council. He was re-elected in 2007. During his tenure as Councilor, Hon. Lusweti earned the trust of his fellow councilors and got elected the Chairman for Bungoma County Council in 2004, a position he held until 2008. The late Hon. Lusweti is 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 4th December 2020.

The Parliamentary community knows the late Hon. Lusweti 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 the, 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 12th Parliament and the Budget and Appropriations Committee and Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing in the 11th Parliament. The late Hon. Lusweti will be remembered 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.

In 2016, he introduced a Motion in the House asking the National Government to recruit school bursars to ensure prudent utilization and management of Free Primary Education (FPE) and the government's capitation share of fees for secondary education.

On behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly, and indeed on my own behalf, I convey the heartfelt condolences of the National Assembly and that of the entire parliamentary fraternity to the family of the late Hon. James Mukwe, all his relatives, friends and the people of Kabuchai Constituency at this difficult time. As the National Assembly, we assure them of our support during this period of great sorrow. In this regard and in line with the Parliamentary Service Commission's Bereavement Policy, I have 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. Members are therefore encouraged to liaise with the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on matters relating to the interment of our departed colleague. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



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

Tuesday, December 7, 2020

