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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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**ON THE DEMISE HON. JOHN OROO OYIOKA, MP MEMBER FOR BONCHARI
CONSTITUENCY**

Honourable Members, it is with deep sorrow that I wish to notify the House of the untimely passing on of the Member for Bonchari Constituency, the Hon. John Oroo Oyioka, MP, who passed on yesterday, Monday 15th February 2021 while undergoing treatment at Aga Khan Hospital, Kisumu.

Honourable Members, the late Hon. John Oroo Oyioka, MP was born on 5th May 1950 in Bonchari. He attended Cardinal Otunga Mosochi High School where he obtained his "O" Level Certificate in 1970. He proceeded to Strathmore for "A" Level and thereafter joined the University of Nairobi where he graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Science Option) in 1976. The Late Hon. Oyioka worked as a high school teacher in various stations, including Cheptenye High School, Kaaga Girls High School and Kericho Day High School. His excellence enabled him to rise to the position of Education Officer and later to the level of Assistant Director for Education at the Ministry of Education Headquarters, a position he held until his retirement in 1999. He had immense enthusiasm for education as a tool for securing the future of young people through impartation of skills and values.

Honourable Members, the late Hon. Oyioka made his debut in elective politics in 2013 when he contested for and won the Bonchari Constituency parliamentary seat on Kenya African National Union (KANU) party ticket. His stint was however short-lived because he lost the seat in a by-election that was held in 2014, following nullification of the election results by the High Court. The Late Hon. Oyioka was re-elected to the National Assembly in the 2017 General Elections when he successfully reclaimed the parliamentary seat on the People's Democratic Party (PDP) ticket. Until his demise, he was a dedicated member of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research.

Honourable Members, the Late Hon. Oyioka was a devoted legislator who passionately articulated issues of concern to his electorate through Parliamentary Questions and relentlessly served the interests of his people. In terms of legislation, the late Member had sponsored the **Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020**, which was read a First Time on 28th July 2020 and is awaiting Second Reading. Through the Bill, the late member sought to anchor in law a legal framework that would obligate the Central Bank of Kenya to regulate digital financial lending products and services. In honour of the late Hon. Oyioka, I urge the relevant Departmental Committee to consider taking up the Bill and moving its consideration in the pending stages. The Parliamentary fraternity will forever remember the Late Hon. Oyioka for his humility, friendliness and belief in collegiality during his time as a Member of this House.

Honourable Members, on behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey condolences to the family of the late Hon. John Oroo Oyioka, the people of Bonchari Constituency and all his relatives and friends during this difficult time of mourning their departed leader. As the National Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this period of great sorrow.

In this regard, **Hon. Members**, and in line with the Parliamentary Service Commission's Bereavement Policy I have constituted an *Ad-Hoc* Committee to help with the funeral arrangements. The Committee comprises of the following-

1. The Hon. Ben Momanyi, MP, Member of the Parliamentary Service Commission- Chairperson;
2. The Hon. Richard Onyonka, MP;
3. The Hon. Samuel Arama, MP;
4. The Hon. Joash Nyamoko, MP;
5. The Hon. Richard Tong'i, MP;
6. The Hon. Jerusha Momanyi, MP;
7. The Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP;
8. The Hon. Innocent Momanyi, MP; and,
9. The Hon. Janet Ong'era, MP

I have also requested the Speaker of the Senate to nominate two Senators to the Adhoc Committee. Hon. Members are therefore encouraged to liaise with the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on matters relating to the funeral and interment of our departed colleague.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

I thank you!

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2021