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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

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**ON THE DEMISE OF THE HON FRANCIS MUNYUA WAITITU MP**  
**MEMBER FOR JUJA CONSTITUENCY**

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**Honourable Members,**

It is with deep sorrow that I notify the House of the untimely demise of the Member for Juja Constituency, **the Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu MP**, who passed on yesterday, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 while undergoing treatment at M.P. Shah Hospital, Nairobi.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu MP was born on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1958 in Ggiri area, which was then within the present Kiambu County. He attended Karura Forest Primary School where he sat his Certificate of Primary Education (CPE), before proceeding to Sharda High School for his East Africa Certificate of Education. He thereafter obtained certificates and diplomas in coffee related research and management from both local and international institutions.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. Waititu, popularly known as '*Wakapeé*', had immense interest in the agriculture and real estate sector, which highlighted his sterling career at a number of coffee estates in the country where he served at management level and later as Group General Manager of one of the then major coffee estate farms in the country.

**Honourable Members,** the late Hon. Waititu's popularity on account of his work ethics was confirmed in 2013 when he was elected as Member of Parliament for Juja Constituency. Unsurprisingly, he retained the seat in 2017 despite battling cancer that saw him travel out of the country on a few occasions for treatment. He was an illustrious and devoted member of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock and the then Joint Committee on Catering and Health Club, which is the predecessor of the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities. He also served diligently in the Committee on Implementation. He was unequivocally vocal on matters pertaining to coffee as exemplified by his efforts that contributed to the declaration of the *Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund* by H.E. the President during the 124<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Coffee Council in Nairobi in March 2019.

**Honourable Members,** the late Member was consistent in introducing and supporting legislation on improvement of the agriculture sector and ease of doing business in Kenya. He will be remembered in this House for introducing *The Law of Contract (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. of 2018)*, which was the first Individual Member Bill to be published in this Twelfth Parliament. The Bill sought to compel creditors to first realize the assets of the principal borrowers before proceeding to realize the assets of guarantors in cases of default by the principal borrowers of loans. Although the Bill did not obtain the requisite Presidential Assent, it nevertheless provided many insights into borrower-lender relations and related dynamics in the country.

**Honourable Members,** you will agree with me that, this nation has lost a progressive, trusted and devoted community leader whose actions reflected the interests of his constituents.

On behalf of all Members and staff of the National Assembly and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu, the people of Juja Constituency and all his relatives and friends during this difficult time of mourning. As the National Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this period of great sorrow. In this regard, **Honourable 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, which will be led by the Member for Kiambu Constituency, the Hon. Jude Kang'ethe Njomo, MP and will comprise of the following other Members-

1. The Hon. Wanjiku Kibe, MP.
2. The Hon. Julius Melly, MP.
3. The Hon. Gabriel Kago, MP.
4. The Hon. Fabian Kyule Muli, MP.
5. The Hon. Kimari Ichungwa, MP.

The Senate is to also nominate two Members to the Committee. May God rest his soul in peace. **In tribute and honour to our departed colleague, the late Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu, MP, I request that we all stand to observe a moment of silence.**

**I thank you!**

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021