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**ON THE DEMISE OF THE LATE HON. SEN. MOHAMED YUSUF HAJI, MP,
- SENATOR FOR GARISSA**

Honourable Members, as you are already aware, the week started off on a very sad note for the country, the residents of Garissa County and indeed the Nation as a whole following the demise of Hon. Sen. Mohamed Yusuf Haji, MP. The Honourable Member passed on in the morning of yesterday, Monday, the 15th day of February, 2021, while undergoing treatment at the Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi.

Honourable Members, the late Hon. Sen. Mohamed Yusuf Haji was born on 23rd December 1940, and attended his post-secondary education, where he earned a Degree from the University of Birmingham majoring in Management and Finance Control. His parliamentary career commenced when he was nominated in 1998 to Parliament and appointed an Assistant Minister in the Office of the President. The late Hon. Haji was elected on a KANU ticket, to represent the Ijara Constituency in the National Assembly in 2002 on a KANU Ticket. He was also reelected in the Ninth Parliament when he again won on a KANU ticket during the 27 December 2007 General Elections. During the term of that Parliament, he was appointed Minister of State for Defence. He is fondly remembered for his resolute and brave leadership as shown when he led the Kenyan delegation to Mogadishu, Somalia on 18 October, 2011 to meet with the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia (TFG) officials to discuss security matters and cooperation, amongst other assignments.

Honourable Members, at the time of his death, the Late Hon. Senator Haji was serving his fourth term as a Member of Parliament. He was also the Chairperson of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Taskforce appointed to coordinate review of the Constitution of Kenya by H.E The President. The Late Senator Yusuf Haji was a dependable leader who served Kenyans with utmost commitment. He was selfless, ambitious, realistic, resourceful and committed to public service. Truly, his approach to leadership, and as heartfully said by the Hon. Aden Duale, Member for Garissa Township - ***"his guidance will be greatly missed, as a man who advocated for peace and harmony among communities across the country during his lifetime."***

Without doubt, **Honourable Members**, the residents of Garissa County, the entire Parliament and the Nation at large have lost a vibrant, pragmatic and dedicated leader. The Member was laid to rest yesterday at the Langata Cemetery in accordance with Islamic tradition. May God rest his soul in peace.

In tribute and honour to the departed colleagues, the late Hon. John Oroo Oyioka, MP, and the late Senator Mohamed Yusuf Haji, MP, I request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.

I thank you.



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

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