

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. CECILIA BARBARA ATIM OGWAL FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

(Moved under Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda)

WHEREAS Parliament of Uganda received with shock, the sad news of the untimely death of Hon. Cecilia Barbara Atim Ogwal, the District Woman Representative, Dokolo District; warmly referred to as "Atat" in Parliament, (a title meaning "a respectable grandmother in Lango",) which occurred on Thursday 18th January, 2024;

AWARE THAT Hon. Cecilia Barbara Atim Ogwal, has been a distinguished legislator, who meticulously served the Institution of Parliament and Uganda in the various political capacities, including the following;

- a) District Woman Representative, Dokolo from 2006 until her death;
- b) Ugandan representative to the African, Caribbean Pacific European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly;
- c) Chairperson, Institute of Parliamentary Studies from 2020 to 2021;
- d) Parliamentary Commissioner from 2016 to 2018;
- e) Opposition Chief Whip in the 9th Parliament from 2013 to 2016;
- f) H.E the President's Special Envoy to different African Heads of States to seek support for Uganda's bid for the Chairpersonship of the African Union Commission (AUC);



- g) Leader of Uganda's delegation to the Pan African Parliament from 2011 to 2013;
- h) Member of Parliament for Lira Municipality from 1996 to 2006;
- i) Member of the 1994 Constituent Assembly, that drafted and promulgated the 1995 Ugandan Constitution;
- j) Chairperson of the Presidential Policy Commission of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) from 1992 to 1996;
- k) Secretary General of the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) from 1985 to 1992; and
- 1) A great pillar for the national prayer breakfast;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Hon. Cecilia Ogwal had a long notable public service career as a proficient accountant, an ardent champion of corporate governance and has served Uganda in many non-political capacities including chairing several governing Boards in the finance and governance sector;

RECOGNISING THAT Hon. Cecilia Ogwal has been a competent leader who together with others strengthened constitutionalism, democracy, parliamentary practice, political tolerance, rule of law, and encouraged cohesion amongst different shades of opinions. For her exemplary leadership, H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni bestowed upon her the Uganda leadership Award in 2023;

APPRECIATING THAT Hon. Cecilia Ogwal has been a fountain of knowledge and wisdom, a mentor of both the young and old in the political arena, a nationalist who loved her country with passion and promoted it both at the local and international fora and a Pan Africanist who fearlessly defended African identity on a global scale;

FURTHER APPRECIATING THAT Hon. Cecilia Ogwal has been an excellent politician who with vibrancy, articulation and logic advocated for the rights of women and children and spoke the

truth to power with unwavering confidence and conviction and yet, with respect and an indisputable political icon in post-independent Uganda.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- 1. Parliament collectively conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family, relatives, friends, the people of Dokolo District, Lango, and Uganda at large for the loss of a distinguished and exceptional leader of this country; and
- 2. Parliament takes cognizance of the profound patriotic and Pan Africanist service that Hon. Cecilia Barbara Atim Ogwal has rendered to the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, the People of Dokolo District, the Lango community, the people of Uganda, and Africa at large.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move.

MOVED BY:

Nabbanja Robinah,

PRIME MINISTER/LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

SECONDED BY:

Hon. Ssenyonyi Joel Besekezi (MP)

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT

Hon. Zijjan David Livingstone

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