



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

#### Second County Assembly – Third Session

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*(Hon. Deputy Speaker, Mr. John Kamangu, in the Chair)*

#### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### SPECIAL SITTING OF FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this special sitting and to thank you for finding time to attend the sitting. However, it should not be lost on us that whenever a calling for duty is made, it is expected of us to ensure that the story ends with our input as leaders. It is therefore laudable that you rose to the occasion.

Hon. Members, as you may all be aware, the Nairobi City County Assembly special sitting for today was published in the Kenya Gazette on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 under gazette notice no. 974 and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order no. 30. In the same gazette, the Assembly eulogized the demise of the former Head of State, the late President Daniel Toroitich arap Moi and deliberate on a motion to defer the commencement of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the second assembly. For avoidance of doubt, Standing Order no. 30, section 4 provides that “whenever the county assembly meets for a special sitting, the Speaker shall specify the business to be transacted on the day or days appointed and the business so specified shall be the only business before the county assembly during the special sitting. Following this the county assembly shall stand adjourned until the day appointed in the county assembly calendar”.

Hon. Members, we all recall the proclamation of the demise of the former Head of State, H.E. Daniel arap Moi on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 upon which he issued a public declaration of period of mourning until interment of the former president. Similarly, the Cabinet Secretary for interior and coordination of national government declared Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 a public holiday vide gazette notice no. 787 to accord all

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Kenyans an opportunity to attend the national memorial service in honor of the departed former head of state. Accordingly, this Assembly joins not only the parliament of Kenya in eulogizing the late head of state in a special sitting but also a number of county assemblies across the country. Accordingly, my office is in receipt of request from the house leadership to convene this special sitting to give the Members and opportunity to join the rest of legislatures not only to give messages of condolences to the nation, family and friends, but to also remember the good deeds, words and virtues mzee offered to this great nation before, during and after the tenure as the head of state.

May I call upon all of us to raise in our position and observe a moment of silence in honor of the departed soul of the former head of state.

*(Hon. Members observe a minute of silence)*

You may be seated. Thank you and God bless you all. Clerk, proceed.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### ALTERATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Leader of Majority.

**Hon. Charles Thuo:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to move a procedural motion subject to alteration of the commencement date of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the second assembly. That notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order 28 (1) and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 28 (2), this Assembly resolves to alter the commencement date of the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the second assembly from Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Thank you. I call upon Hon. Clarence Munga to second.

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to second the procedural motion before us. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Mover.

**Hon. Charlies Thuo:** Hon. Speaker, I thank Members for having contributed to the motion and having agreed with us that we should alter the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> session and I am grateful. You may put the question. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**EULOGIZING THE FORMER HEAD OF STATE, H.E. PRESIDENT DANIEL ARAP MOI**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Leader of Majority.

**Hon. Charles Thuo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As everyone is aware, we gathered here today to eulogize the passing of the ex-head of state. I wish to take this opportunity to speak a bit about the life of the late president, H.E. Daniel Toroitich arap Moi. Most of us here can only remember the milk that we took in primary school courtesy of the late president and it was known as *mziwa ya nyayo*. It is clear and evident that he is a person who has contributed a lot towards the development of this country and I remember him building gabions to control soil erosion. That is something I have never forgotten about him. He was always speaking about *mmonyoko wa udongo*.

It is very clear that his contribution and the virtues that he set in this country are still flowering. It is in his time as the president that the 8-4-4 education system was introduced. It is unfortunate that it did not achieve what it was to achieve but it was a type of education that sought to give people practical skills towards doing things in their lives and there was a lot of changes in the education sector during his time.

Finally, without saying much, Hon. Moi is known for having fought for his three principles of leadership which are peace, love and unity and he sought to stand by that. It is very evident that towards the end of his tenure, he asked those he had wronged to forgive him. And it is in that spirit that I would urge all Kenyans that he wronged to let him rest in peace. We cannot continue haunting him even in the afterlife and in any case, it is not upon us to decide whether he is a good man or not because he is now in the hands of God. It is a great honor that Members found time and left their busy schedules to come and eulogize the late president and because of that, I wish you give others time to eulogize the president. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Leader of Majority. Hon. Members, indeed, the Leader of Majority party has elaborately summarized the great life lived by the former head of state, Daniel Toroitich arap Moi. He was a statesman and an African icon, a loving person who lived an enviable life. Hon. Members particularly remember him for his contribution to the life of this nation before, during and after we attained independence. The late Mzee Moi will be remembered for raising to the occasion upon the demise of the first head of state Mzee Jomo Kenyatta. He would subsequently lead Kenya through the tough times, during the restoration of multipartism. His mantra of Nyayo Philosophy held a message of peace, love and unity has inspired us all by encouraging everyone to embrace each one in a call for patriotism to this country. We will also not forget his famous quote during one of his public address "*siasa mbaya, maisha mbaya*". This was a message to the leaders and subsequently to all of us that we must always exercise politics that will inspire hope and deep roots in Christian religion upon which he championed the protection of everybody's rights to exercise religion and faith without discrimination.

Hon. members, it is therefore my belief that the late Mzee Moi lived up to the second Timothy, chapter 4 verse 7, that he fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. May his soul rest in peace. Hon.

Members, may I welcome you all to eulogize the late Mzee Daniel arap Moi. Thank you. I call upon the Minority Leader.

**Hon. David Mberia:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to eulogize the late second president of the Republic of Kenya, Daniel Moi. Mr. Speaker, Mzee Moi ruled this country for 24 years. He was not perfect. Part of his reign was terrifying and as Kenyans, we can only forgive and not forget what some citizens went through in his rule. Mr. Speaker, as I have said, he was never perfect, he did his part until 2002 when he handed over power. We all know that most African strongmen die in power.

That is what he has been able to live for 17 more years. In the year 2002 after passing on the sword to the incoming President Mwai Kibaki, he asked for forgiveness to anyone he had wronged and also forgave those he said wronged him. Therefore Mr. Speaker, those are some of the reasons as to why I have forgiven him just like he was forgiven by my party leader Raila Amolo Odinga after detaining him for more than ten years without trial.

Mr. Speaker, forgiveness is the best revenge and whoever hurts you will eventually face karma in this world and may his soul rest in peace. I would wish to ask the former MP for subukia Koigi wa Mwere to have the spirit of forgiveness even though he categorically said that may the soul of Moi rot in hell. We know that people died in detention and families were broken during his regime but eventually he saw the light. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Minority Leader. Majority Whip? Kindly request using your card

**Hon. June Ndegwa:** It is working now Speaker. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include my voice in eulogizing the former President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. I was fortunate enough to be alive and see him even though not as often because we were still young and growing up. I would like to speak about a few things the retired President believed in and what we were taught in school. I remember that he was also known as 'nyayo' and my Geography teacher told me that he wanted us to follow his example. I will not forget to say that the very vivid memories that I also have of him is something referred to as "*mmomonyoko wa udongo*" It is very hard for me to pronounce this word correctly considering where I am from but we are seeing the effects of what he was trying to protect and that is soil erosion. I think we need to go back in history and think about what he was trying to teach us because we have seen deforestation hurting us and the next generation. Therefore, this is something that we need to put into perspective. Mr. Speaker, I will not also forget to mention "*maziwa ya nyayo*" that was given to every child in a public school as a sign to portray nutrition. With President Uhuru's big four agenda which is taking care of agriculture in food security, I think it is something that he borrowed from the former president.

Growing up, we heard of the famous Moi slaps. It was said that he once slapped a cabinet secretary and fired them on the spot. I think that we need leaders who get slapped quite often because we see people disrespecting the president. People were so afraid of the presidency and if they worked then I think that the same way we respected President Moi then we need to respect the Presidency of Uhuru Kenyatta. So as a

member of the Jubilee party I will say that we are solely behind President Uhuru Kenyatta in his fight against corruption. This assembly has done something that most assemblies have not done and I think that it is a first for Nairobi County Assembly to have a special sitting to eulogize the former president who was a resident in Nairobi and a regular in parliament. I urge my fellow members who have not gone to pay their last respects to do so. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you majority whip. Minority Whip, proceed

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Personally, I expected that we have a minute of silence as a symbol of respect

*(Hon. Member shouts; "we already did that")*

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** If so, I am sorry for coming in late

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed from there

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** I sang for this man for more than 15 years and I can sing one song

*(Hon. Member sings a song)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Which language are you using my brother?

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** I have sought your permission to sing the song

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I cannot understand what you are saying

**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Mr. Speaker, someone has requested me to sing the song I was talking about. My leader asked me why I was quiet about speaking about the late Daniel Moi and I agreed with him. Since I sang the last song in Nyayo stadium with the Makongeni SDA choir, I have never attended any other function at the stadium. This man lived his life fully dedicated to the nation. I understand the likes of Koigi wa Mwere and others who were tortured during his regime. I have come to learn that people will celebrate your life fully when you are long gone and as my leader said, there are things we can boldly say that Moi did that were good for this country. One of it was peace and tranquility in the country. At no given time did we experience ethnicity as we do right now. I remember taking milk from school from pre-unit to class 8 and some members like Ronaldo who were born recently never got to taste the sweet milk distributed to primary schools. I remember he used to call our choir to statehouse to sing for him for two hours and he would feel better. He is a man who believed in God and I can confidently say that because I remember how he used to relate to the gospel songs that we sung to.

I have noted that the peoples president Hon. Raila Odinga has written a page eulogizing the late president and I am keen to see what he has written on the eulogy book. This is because I am sure that what he has written will go down in history at what a man can do to bring peace and tranquility in this country. I

believe that it is the beginning of forgiveness for the entire country. Having to spend nine years in torture chambers without trial is not easy and as Nairobi County, I beseech that we do not wait for me to be dead for you to proclaim the good things that I did. Celebrate me now as I live. Let us appreciate our Majority and Minority leaders and all members now that we are all still alive. As President Obama once said, inside that tomb is too dark to recognize who smiles at you when the heaviness of the soil tumbles on the casket. He added that ultimately we must learn to appreciate each other in any small way. Allow me to say goodbye Moi, *mtukufu Rais* and may the country have peace that he preached for since we were children to date and more importantly, may we learn from his death that everything is vanity. The Bible says that all we do on earth is vanity. Who could imagine that one of the most respected and feared man is today lifeless? I tried to imagine if that would have been me lying there and what my fellow colleagues would have to say about it. May he rest in peace. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Minority Whip. Hon. Millicent Wamboi

**Hon. Millicent Mugadi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to send my condolences to the family of the former president Moi. Death is one thing that equalizes all whether rich or poor and in this scenario, I would like to ask the members of the County assembly and leaders of our Country Kenya to reflect on what legacies they leave behind. People have been speaking about president Moi and you can be able to tell the good from the bad. He was one person who decided to surrender power and saved us from many misfortunes unlike the culture of African presidents who cling to power even when they are aged. That is one of the things that I would like to say that we should all learn from that.

When the time comes to think of the future and what you will leave behind. Before he left the power, he asked for forgiveness and I have released that not everyone has forgiven him. The President is dead let him go in peace since he asked for forgiveness and it is the only thing that can make us move forward for a better way since he was human and we are all human let speak what he left that can help us move in a positive way. His weakness let us find a way in which we can strengthen those loopholes that he left for the sake of our Country. Rest in peace Mzee Moi.

**Hon. Patrick Musili:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, let say this is a moment as a Nation we are celebrating a life of a great man who lead this country, the former President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. Mr. Speaker, as we are celebrating the life Hon. Moi we are not honoring him just being a leader of this Country but also he is a father to 47 million Kenyans.

Mr. Speaker, if you walked out today in the morning to Parliament as I had a privilege to be there yesterday and also today I took my party leader Hon. Kalonzo Musioka to pay his respect and there is a mammoth crowd coming to honour the former President.

Mr. Speaker, let me say, Hon. Moi believed in unity, peace and love of this Country. I can remember his final words when he was handing over powers to president Kibaki he said if he had wronged anyone, he



is seeking forgiveness. He was ready to forgive anyone that had wronged him, he left this country united, and he left a legacy, which was supposed to be followed and he ensured as a country we remain united.

As an Assembly, we are also facing many challenges as at now and we can eliminate what the late President Moi has left behind. We remain united and focused because there are challenges that we are facing as an Assembly and we have a mandate to deliver to Nairobians. Let the soul of Hon. Moi rest in peace.

**Hon. Moses Ogeto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, now that you have given me the opportunity that means that we have the footsteps of Nyayo. As we eulogize the former second president of Kenya, we must be aware that the same president made good moves and he made dangerous moves, which we cannot forget. We also recognize the people who he tortured like Fred Mbai, Ouko and even our Executive Director of ODM and Koigi wa Wamwere who said that “*he will not go to view him but he will attend his funeral*” am reminded here that one of our Member’s was tortured Hon. Ndonji during 1992 era.

Hon. Speaker, I remember when I was a young man there are few things he did for us in the late '90s when we were waiting for the president we used to clap from morning to evening when the former president was passing by and he used to wave to us. Clapping the whole day was a huge work it is not like today whereby the people are abusing the president the way they want like some members from the parliament they just talk to the president the way they want like my colleague who was ejected in Mombasa Hon. Moses Kuria.

Hon. Speaker, you must ensure that when you are seated there in this Assembly we must feel your power and we should respect that power. Hon. Speaker, as it is said that we shall remember our believes and standards which we did in this Assembly, let it be done that way. Let them say that Hon. Ogeto was a bad person and they are not telling you what he did during his time and when one of us leave that is the time they will say that he had the wisdom and everything.

Hon. Speaker, as I am finishing we should also remember the quote which says that “*Siasa mbaya maisha mbaya*”. Let us as Members of this House today we remember and eulogize the Second President of the Republic of Kenya by leaving politics and concentrate on delivering to the Nairobians of this City.

Hon. Speaker, it is ridiculous to call a Special Sitting to recognize somebody who ways *siasa mbaya maisha mbaya* then the following day you will see my whip here rubbing shoulders which will not make sense as it will be waste of public funds having such sitting. Moving forward we are not going to have unity amongst ourselves. Hon. Speaker, I would like to finish with this quote “*siasa mbaya maisha mbaya*”. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you House leadership and I think that I have done with you all. I would like to say because of the requests that I have received here, I would like to request that each one of us should take a minimum of two minutes. So that we can give an opportunity to all the members and the clerk, should observe the two minutes order, so that at least we can give an opportunity to all Members.

**Hon. Millicent Jagero:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, may the light shine upon the retired president Daniel Toroitich.

**Hon. Mary Ariviza:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, for this great opportunity and please allow me to *tigiza kidole ya nyayo* (The Member *swung one finger up in the air*) that was his whole mark salute anywhere president Moi went he would say *tigiza*. Those of you who were young I was doing it not for fun but am doing it for future generation to know that he was a man who believed in the philosophy of peace Love and unity. As someone has already said he was not an angle and he particularly did many wonders on people. It is not him who did it but those cycle fans like even in our time, they are the ones who watched and made sure they are doing harm on people.

Therefore, let us learn from history that when you become a great man in this country, make sure you take care of your spanner boys and girls because they are the ones who do evil, it is not the leaders as to Eulogize this great man for what he was. I was in Moi girls Nairobi in 1978 when he became the president of Kenya I was in form one because we were his neighbour and when we went to sing in KICC, we would go to his house in the evening and drink a lot of milk and sodas as we entertained him. For that, I am very happy as it made me see the world that I had never seen as a small growing up girl.

One day when I was going to the classroom in the morning, as he was also an early riser and not like some of us who sometimes woke up at around nine o'clock when there is a lot of traffic jam in Nairobi. For him six o'clock he was on his way to work and he worked very hard as for one day when he was passing near our school I went outside myself and I rose my finger and do you know I made him stop and he gave us special lunch that day.

I was a teacher for a long time in this city and when this Nyayo milk came it is not only the children, as you know for example when you are the owner of a cat you cannot give the kittens the milk and you leave yourself therefore as teachers we had good tea and we only bought bread or madazi to go along with it.

Therefore, I really, stand here to eulogize a great man but evil men surrounded him and women in this country who made many people suffer some of them are my friend. I remember one time one man called Ndogozi he was a student leader of the University of Nairobi and he died under very terrible mysterious circumstances and it is not Former President Moi who did it, it is the spanner boys.

These spanner boys who are in this Nairobi County Assembly we must make sure that they do not take over your leadership when you become a great man. Be aware of the spanner boys because they will want to show you how they are really working for you and keeps away every other people and they are the ones who want to surround you.

Therefore, I stand here to eulogize a great man. I was also in the protest when Robert Ouko died, that time his daughter was a good friend of mine, we were in Moi girls together, and we used to attend the same church that was known as Parklands Baptize Church. When he passed away, we were very



disappointed, we protested along valley road and streets, and then I entered in one of those Githurai 45 buses when we were been teargassed.

If some of you think that, we have never been teargassed some of us have been patriots in this country and we have stood for the right thing. However, I want you to note one thing that I noted when I was a small girl because I was not very old by then, the fact is that Moi was very sad during Ouko's funeral and it is because one of the spanner boys who thought that he was outshining his master is the one who did the job.

Therefore, be aware of the spanner boys when you become big I would then say that he was a great man and he believed in peace, love and unity. When he left he said that beware this County will have political parties that will divide this country, as it happened or not, It has.

What I would like to ask the President Uhuru Kenyatta, is that he needs to be firm, because I remember the VOK (Voice of Kenya) when you did wrong, in Moi's Government you would be sacked on radio at lunchtime which was good because Members were very careful of being corrupt because you would find that you have been sacked.

I would also urge the President to emulate that bit that corrupt fellows in this country need to be sacked like yesterday so that we go on in the peace, love and unity that President Moi had done. You need to know that this Nyayo Philosophy was not just a philosophy but was following in the footsteps of the first president of this country. There are some good things that we know. You need to have a good person that is firm but benevolent. What about those days when we had a mama mboga where Moi would stop when going to Rift Valley and bought bananas and they all ate there and celebrate? So, we need people that are human at heart and at the same time very firm for this country to move forward. However, the spanner boys that kill people must be stopped. This will be done if the judiciary is made to be strong. I stand to eulogize this great man.

Lastly, when I was going to Nairobi Pentecostal church one time, there was a man from Jordan called Bartaze. He gave a prophesy that despite the Moi's weaknesses, he would rule this country and would not be overthrown like many other African leaders that were overthrown during his time. Moi for sure has just rested. Has he said we forgive him; we have forgiven but we must not forget. We must know another thing that dictatorship is not good. When we allow people who surround us to be evil, we must bear the responsibility. His rule was good in some ways. He built many girls' schools. But his dictatorship and his spanner boys did a lot of evil for some people and some families in this country. So, I eulogize a great man but who had great fails as well.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ariviza. Hon. Mwaura Chege.

**Hon. Chege Mwaura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is a good day because my card is working. I am happy to be here with my colleagues to eulogize the second president of the Republic of Kenya. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Mr. Speaker, the best of Moi came from how the opposition legislatures were able to rise in his time and were able to give the government of the day as much checking as possible. When I was growing, it was

the days of young Turks. They brought out the best of politics then after going through dictatorial regime. I am cognizant of the fact that the former president also drew some parallels with the leadership we see today.

In today's newspaper I read that the former president's ministers did not last for too long. I guess may be some of the leaders we see today are drawing parallels from there. They could also benefit from some of the things that were good. I remember the former president especially in his last term was very tolerant about alternative views. He would allow as much criticism as possible to go through even though he was surrounded by battery of loyalists. Again, we can see leadership near us have learnt a lot from the things that we need to get so far away from, from bootlickers, cheerleaders and sycophants.

However, because we are moving forward and we are learning and we are good students, the leadership of today may also understand that for every loyalist and bootlicker, there are realists. For every sycophant, there is a diehard of objectivity and people who are willing to stand to the truth that they believe in.

I was just stopping my Minority Whip and asking him to take heart and hoping his good office is doing as much as possible to ensure that our Minority Leader lives without being fearful of his divergent views.

*(Applause)*

Even if you don't like his views, uphold those views because this is the Kenya that we want. I hope the leaders we have today are cognizant of the Kenya that we want for tomorrow. Kenya that the former president has been seeing since he left office. I beg to eulogize the former president. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Mwaura Chege. Hon. Mellab.

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, I stand here to eulogize a very important man in my life, the second president of this republic. This is the man that has made me be what I am because I went to school through his bursary. I came from a peasant family. The day he visited our school and I was dancing, he picked on me and asked me whether I had paid my school fees. I told him no. That was in form one. He told the headmistress to take care of me because my parents were not able to pay my school fees. It is a sad story but I am also happy.

I have known Moi for the positive side but I have come to learn about his negative side when I had already grown up. I know man is to error and leadership needs dictatorship and some other formulas for you to achieve your vision and mission on it. I always remember the time he used to come to Western Province when I was in Mukumu Primary School. We used to be told in the afternoon to wear the best uniform we ever had so that we can be given flags to go to the road and sing for him when passing. We would sing this common song; *Tawala Kenya, tawala---* Moi would then come and wave his *rungu*. We also recited a poem called *Fimbo ya Nyayo*. When I say *Fimbo ya Nyayo yaelekeza wapi*, members, join me and say, *Fimbo ya Nyayo yaelekeza mbele*.

*Fimbo ya Nyayo yaelekeza wapi?*

**Hon. Members:** *Fimbo ya Nyayo yaelekeza mbele*.

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** That is the point that I will never forget because we recited for him. There was a young girl called Jackline Kamonya that he also picked and said he would sponsor her because she was very poor. She recited a very beautiful poem that the president liked; *Sukuma wiki kipenzi changu*. The

poem trended all over and the girl got a scholarship through the president. She is now in the US. Before then, she was a broadcaster in KBC.

There is so much that we can speak about the former president. But I ask myself what will people say about me when I die? I have had some negatives and some positives. What I like is that the positives are more compared to the negatives. The man left a good legacy. He really favored girls' schools.

The milk he brought to us, we enjoyed. I was telling my girls about the milk and they wondered how he gave out milk to all schools in the country. I told them I have never understood the magic behind it. Most governors have tried to introduce this but unfortunately they didn't go to him for lessons. Providing milk has been a challenge to them.

Lastly, the former president has left so many schools. Other regimes that will come should leave something that people can remember them for.

Also, he empowered women most of his life. The Maendeleo ya Wanawake brought us together---  
(Inaudible)

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Have you exceeded the two minutes?

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** No.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** Thank you. I was saying, through his empowerment of Maendeleo ya Wanawake, he supported women. That is why the women of this country managed to go Beijing. We started noticing our rights as women in this country. He wanted women to excel. But that does not mean he did not like men. He wanted men to be people of substance. That is why he punished people around him.

As I close my remarks as he goes to rest in peace, I would like to say, *Paukwa?*

**Hon. Members:** *Pakawa.*

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** *Sahani?*

**Hon. Members:** *Ya mchele.*

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** *Kiboko?*

**Hon. Members:** *Cha mtoto mkorofi.*

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** *Kama sisi. Na maziwa je?*

**Hon. Members:** *Cha watoto wa Nyayo.*

**Hon. Mellab Lumallah:** May his soul rest in peace.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mellab. Hon. Leah.

**Hon. Leah Supuko:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Let me also join my colleagues in celebrating this great man, a man that brought unity in this country. A man who I remember loved kids a lot. That is why he introduced the milk. A man who believed in God and he built many churches all over the country. A man that I can describe in many things. It is true that Moi brought unity unlike what we are seeing right now. He brought a lot of love through fear.

I am very fortunate I interacted with him because he visited our home when my dad was a cabinet minister in his cabinet. I also interacted with him in Kabarak Primary School where my kid went to school. I remember he used to love Masais a lot. When my kid was baptized in Kabarak Primary, I was in a Masai attire. He recognized me and told his handlers that he wants to meet me after the service. He had already

retired. He remembered me yet I was a little kid when he used to come to our home. He offered to pay school fees for my kid as she goes to high school in Kabarak University. Unfortunately, we didn't follow that promise because my kid never wanted to go back to Kabarak institutions in Nakuru. She opted to go for an international school instead of 8-4-4 System.

I also remember him because of his generosity to the women of this country, as Hon. Mellab put it, through the Maendeleo ya Wanawake. He recognized women unlike the government we have right now that we struggle to get two-third recognition.

I can talk a lot about Moi, but I would only want to say that may his soul rest in peace Baba Moi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa Leah. Hon. Clarence Munga.

**Hon. Clarence Munga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to eulogize the second president of the Republic of Kenya, former president Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. This is a man I can call a statesman, a Pan Africanist, and a patriot. As a leader, he used to be like a symbol of peace.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to point some few qualities of a leader he was. Former president laid very strong foundation of peace and love in this republic. Everywhere he used to go, he used to preach peace, love and unity. That is what has united majority of Kenyans to love our country and dedicating their efforts to build this nation together.

Mr. Speaker, I also remember Moi set a very strong foundation in terms of our education sector. That is why he brought things like *Maziwa ya Nyayo* to encourage pupils to love education. There is a time he visited Burundi and he was astonished to see many educated young Kenyan men and women teaching there. He directed Kenyan flights to fly to Burundi and many parts of this world were many Kenyans worked. Through the education they had acquired in his administration, many Kenyans were employed in various countries worldwide.

This shows you the kind of foundation and how he loved to see Kenyans get educated. Mr. Speaker, he was also a champion of girl child education and he wanted to see women being empowered academically to ensure that we have a society that is just and fair to all.

Thirdly, let us not forget the strong security system that we are having in this country was invested by the former President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. Our Kenya Navy, Kenya Air Force and how they used to display when we used to have functions, and how we invested heavily on our Kenya Defence Forces. During his tenure Kenya and our borders were well secured. He built a very strong foundation for our security forces and invested heavily in training our security forces.

Lastly, he ensured inclusivity in his administration, Mr. Speaker. I can remember people from Western Province equally enjoyed cabinet positions in this republic. At no point where we were left behind and we felt as part and parcel of his leadership. Having said that, because I know other members are also willing to contribute, I wish Kenyan leaders today would embrace the inclusivity that Daniel Arap Moi used to have to ensure that we have a cohesive nation. A nation that loves each other and respects our diversity as a nation. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Clarence. Hon. Museiya!

**Hon. Sylvia Museiya:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I join my colleagues' in eulogizing the late President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi, actually I came to know that Arap is not part of his name the other day. For all the years I thought Arap was a part of his name, it is just the other day I learnt that it means 'son of'. There was no other way of addressing Moi than addressing him as President Daniel Toroitich Moi.

As a student and teacher of history, I can say that history follows us. As a younger generation, we are making history today and every day of our lives and every human being has a good and a bad side of them. My call to myself and others is that, in a balancing scale the good shall outweigh the bad.

Finally, I would like to eulogize the late president in the words of the former President of US Barack Obama who had this to say; and I will be in short and brief.

*That when I think of the depth of the grave and the puns of sand that will be thrown at us, no need to harm my brother,*

*When I think of the darkness will invade the grave after closing, no need to hurt my sister*

*When I think of the heat replaced by the soil and the amount of water that will drown me in this tomb, I cannot make my neighbor suffer,*

*When I think that I would be alone abandoned by all, I prefer to enjoy communion when I am alive*

*When I think that my relationships are mold by my past, I wish to perfect my future*

*If I could be reborn to resume everything from scratch, I would no longer make mistakes in my actions.*

We eulogize him as a country, as a young girl I drank maziwa ya Nyayo. My mother was a teacher and so I drank more than most of my comrades. May be it is the reason why I still have strong teeth and bones to fight with Clarence should there be need and I hope there is none. I join fellow Kenyans in saying that; may his soul rest in eternal peace, amen.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Museiya. Hon Obuya, and please observe the two minutes. Please proceed.

**Hon. Kennedy Obuya:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hope you will add me the two seconds you have taken Hon. Speaker. I stand to eulogize our second president with his family, the citizens of Kenya, and members of the KANU party. So much has been said by my colleagues and because of the interest of time I don't want to repeat. However, please allow me to note a few things about President Moi.

Hon. Speaker where I was born, it is our tradition that when a person who has offended dies, we leave it to God to judge. It is on record that Hon. Moi said in 2002 that if he has offended anyone, he

apologized and made a gesture of remorse and requested that we forgive him. I stand here today on behalf of my late father who was victim of that error and forgive him as he is not here today.

Hon. Speaker, where I was born in Homabay in South Nyanza, it happened that during President Moi's tenure it was a KANU stronghold. My late MP Hon. Okiki Amayo was the National First Chairman for KANU and the chair of the disciplinary committee. In south Nyanza we had one of the most prominent Permanent Secretary's the late Hezekiah Ouygi. All said and done, during Moi's era Kenyans really suffered. Somebody quoted the bible that; *when you stand in front of a reigning king, and in front of his sword, in the event that you die, your blood should be on your head.* I believe Hon. Speaker our late president really effected that verse.

Hon. Speaker I remember as a young man the youth wingers, I have a very bad memory when my father with a few constituents of Rachuonyo ganged up and elected Hon. Phoebe Asiyu to replace Hon. Okiki Amayo who was the national chairman for KANU. It was a big embarrassment to KANU and people who supposedly participated in that embarrassment were dealt with properly. As a young boy at around 1985, I saw a group about 300 administrative police youth wingers who came to our home and interestingly they took everything including *mbutaa* that was being cooked and throw it away and carried the *sufuria*. It was so sad Hon. Speaker, including my young brother who was a student and was the school captain of Kabarak Boys was also sent home. It was said that it was orders from above, the principal said because he was a son to a person who was not in line with ideals that KANU stood for then.

I equally remember good things about President Moi. I began school in the early 80s and happened to have a twin sister who began school one day before me. The next day she told me to accompany her in school so that we can come with the nyayo milk. I even did not know my middle name, there was no nursery by then, I think there was class one junior and senior. We used to touch our ears in order to be promoted to class one senior and be promoted to class two. I did not know my middle name and so I asked my sister, what do I tell the teacher? She whispered to me to say that my name is Omondi. That name stuck with me to date because I went to take *maziwa ya nyayo*. That is one of the good things that I remember President Moi with Hon. Speaker.

Somehow, President Moi was good hearted and quite a number of his constituents ended up getting very good jobs in government. However, it was said that *siasa mbaya, maisha mbaya*. The greater southern Nyanza we are the beneficiaries of the goodies of president Moi. We produced in Nyanza the highest number of provincial administrators i.e. from the DCs, Dos, and I think two PCs. All said and done, on behalf of my late father Bishop Muge who could not be here, Oyugi, Okiki Amayo, Hezekiah Oyugi, I forgive President Moi and I pray that God forgive him too. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon Obuya, I think you are not part of Ochuka's regime. Two minutes please.



**Hon. Rose Ogonda:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will not take two minutes. First and foremost, I send my condolences to Moi's family and the residents of Baringo. I am so sad today because I was brought up by my grandmother who was a delegate of KANU. She went to be with the Lord on Saturday and that lady lying in Kisumu is the one who taught me about KANU.

Mr. Speaker as human beings we must learn to forgive and move on. There is more that I can say but I want say that I was dancing for Moi at the airport when he was going out of the country and coming back in a group called Bidii Women Group. I was being called by the former MP Mwenje who has also gone to be with the Lord and when we were dancing for the late president we were being given bread and milk and some few monies for our children.

Mr. Speaker when God's time reaches, we must accept. I don't want to add more but let me say that Baba Moil ala salama, and my mentor Damaris Obisa lala salama. May God grant them peace till we meet again.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon Rose for observing the two minutes, you have taken two minutes exactly. Hon. Mbugua, the same.

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I stand to eulogize H. E. Retired President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi. I like to call him H. E Teacher Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi because he uplifted the teaching profession.

Mr. Speaker, there has been four presidents in Kenya and very few professions have led Kenya. Jomo Kenyatta we are told in the history books that he studied Bible, English and carpentry among others. His son the current and the fourth president of Kenya studied political science, Mwai Kibaki was an economist but Moi was a teacher. This is why I would wish that every teacher is properly paid in this country because one day – you never know; we could have a president who is a teacher.

Mr. Speaker I grew up understanding the philosophies and what the radio kept repeating that Moi, Nyayo, and now I understand that this is a teacher who took a road that is less travelled and this is what made the difference.

I eulogize him with the words of my favorite poet Robert Frost who while he was leaving as a teacher he took the road less travelled and he said that 'two roads diverged in the wood [and the President] took the road that is less taken. He looked and stood right straight and saw that it had a lot of undergrowth, never thought anybody else would have taken it.

Mr. Speaker we sit in this room, we stand in this room, we speak about tales of a President that is no more. One that has served Kenyans for the longest – 24 years. We would have been like the Mugabe's country for 24 years but he preserved this country.

It shall be told for ages that the roads diverged and one President Moi took one that is less travelled and that is what made the difference.

Speaker I cannot say much. That teacher should be honoured and all the other teachers in this country should be honoured because they made sure that that profession persevered the country. I don't think there will be any profession that will lead the country for that long. A teacher should be respected.

I eulogize him and wish his family well in this difficult moment, thank you.

**Hon. Jared Akama:** Mr. Speaker thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. I rise to eulogize this great man from Sacho and by Wednesday we will be laying him who has been part of the history of the country for the last 24 years. That history cannot just be washed even if from the African perspective we don't speak evil of the dead.

I committed myself to just speak the positive; things this great man contributed to the nation. On my own behalf and on behalf of the people I represent I take this opportunity to lay my condolences and even to the great people of Kenya.

Among the four presidents so far we have had I don't know any other president who brought style and class to State House. This great man brought style and class just as his counterpart in the United States called Ronald Reagan.

He carried the office of the president with dignity which it deserves. Having said that I have heard my good friends and colleagues talk about the Nyayo milk. That Nyayo milk should not just be just be mentioned but it had very great importance. It did contribute in encouraging our children to enroll in school. This great man believed in education and so far I have not seen any president visit as many schools as this great man did as an indication of his seriousness in believing in the future of our children.

I don't know any other leader who has spoken the word peace many times as this second president of ours did. Therefore, he believed in peace and stability of our nation. That is something which we cannot just water down because through peace our people can develop because the peaceful environment will always encourage people to work towards building the nation and this great man believed in peace and I remember very well when the iron lady from UK the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came to visit our country. She did celebrate this great man and said he had contributed greatly in advancing peace in our country.

Mr. Speaker she equaled us to surrounding countries which so far have faced instability through wars but our country has weathered the storms and we have continued to enjoy the peace. We cannot water down that effort which the former president gave.

I don't want to repeat what my colleagues said but all these things we said and some have not said because we don't talk negatively about the dead I want to encourage us and the country that it is high time we start thinking of establishing presidential libraries so that regimes which have come and will come and future scholars can learn and understand the weaknesses of a particular regime so that the same mistake are not done again.

This was a great man. He was a statesman and we wish him well in his journey in terms of meeting his maker. May he rest in peace, thank you much.

**Hon. Cecilia Ayot:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me opportunity to eulogize the former head of state president Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi.

I stand here as other Kenyans in celebrating a life well lived. We know well the life expectancy is 70 years so when you live close to 100 years we want to believe there is sufficient grace in your life.

Mr. Speaker life begins at conception and at conception we all mature to die that is why we have children who die at miscarriage, we have others who die through painful death of abortion, we have others who die at infant age, we have people dying at mid age and now the former president dying at a very old age.

That only tells us that in this life we only depend on God's mercy and guidance in terms of how many years we live in this world. It is indeed clear that death is inevitable. Just give us time and all of us will die.

I also want to say that as human beings both of us have our good attributes and fresh air of things that do not make people very happy about us. My culture I strongly sure the sentiments of Hon Akama that dictates that we don't talk ill of departed souls. As a catholic faithful I also believe in the sacrament of repentance and forgiveness and I want to believe that before the late president went to rest he had reconciled with his God.

Mr. Speaker lives are like rivers. Eventually they go where they must not where we want them to. As Christians we can only pray for the departed souls. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and let your perpetual light shone on hi.

**Hon. Anthony Kimemia:** Thank you much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to join my colleagues in eulogizing our great second president of the republic of Kenya Daniel Toroitich arap Moi.

May I start by quoting some word from a writer known as Quincy Adam, that 'if your action inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more then you are a leader'. From those words I want to say that what I have picked from the president since I interacted with him; I was privileged to have interacted with the president as a young man. I can also speak about the Nyayo milk and the dancing on the road side but the moment I have with him is that I met him once at State House as a young fellow and Moi really showed me I could become a leader one day. He sat with me, we had dinner with him and even ate from same plate with him and I can imagine as a young person that is electrifying.

I will forever remember Moi and as my colleagues have said, and I want also to give thanks to *Mheshimiwa* Obuya who has been affected directly and he has the heart to say 'I forgive President Moi', the last checked of President Moi was a human and as humans we make mistake. Even in this assembly, people make mistakes and we must have humility and ask to forgive. I am a Christian and I want to urge even the leaders who said they were humiliated by President Moi and who proclaim Christianity that they should follow the way of Jesus Christ. If there was somebody who was humiliated and tortured is Jesus Christ and he had a heart to forgive.

All of us as Christians we should also emulate the way of Jesus Christ and forgive. I want also to eulogize the president by thanking him for supporting the girl child. Today if you have a boy child and passed class 8 or who has unfortunately not done well to be called to form one the girl child will get a school first before the boy child. Moi really uplifted girls and that was a good thing. We shall never forget that. We needed that affirmative action for girls to take a further step because even in our villages women do more than men because it is women who wake up early to go and milk, to *shamba* to cultivate and just doing grazing and even in some cultures it is women who build homes. Moi realized that and knew if you educate a woman you

have educated a nation. I want to join fellow Kenyans and thank Moi for the girl child and also to ask him that he rest in peace.

Lastly I want to thank the family of Moi because today I see people with sadness and tears in life but I believe none could experience this loss more than the Moi family. And so on behalf of grateful nation I say thank you to Hon Jonathan Moi, Hon Gideon Moi, June Moi, Raymond Moi, Philip Moi for sharing with us the gift of their father for the past more than 24 years.

We know it comes with tremendous cost to you as family and for that we really are indebted to you. Thank and rest in peace president Moi.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon Members we have come to the end of our session today. The House stands adjourned till 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2.30 p.m. Have a nice week, God bless you.

**The House rose at 4.30 p.m**