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[The Speaker (Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you may be seated.

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have a quorum to allow us to transact the business of the day.

The Majority and Minority Whips, kindly whip all the Members to be seated. Kindly, check out if we have got some Members who have not found their way into the plenary. Mheshimiwa Mark Mugambi, please whip the Hon. Members to find their way to the plenary.

(Hon. Mark Mugambi left the Chamber)

Hon. Members, the House is properly constituted. I direct the Clerk-at-the-Table to read out the Order in the sequence of the business of the day.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

REMEMBERING, HONOURING AND CELEBRATING THE LATE RT. HON. RAILA ODINGA

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. I want to bring to the attention of the House of the presence of Members of the Fourth Estate, who have decided to provide pro bono services today, a day of giving tribute to the late, Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. So, just to inform the House will be live.

Again, to recognize the visit by the Nairobi residents at the Speaker's Gallery. We have Zablon Jonah, Julius Odero, Henry Juma, Fred Oduor, Bosco Ouna and Kennedy Ouna. I wish them a peaceful stay and proceedings. Hon. Members, you may proceed to your seats.

(Several Members entered the Chamber)

Hon Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this part of the Assembly calendar. I thank God that we all have made it back to continue with our constitutional responsibilities. It is my belief that you had fruitful engagement with your constituents and families and it is anticipated that you will transition all issues that impair the quality of lives of our constituents into business for deliberations and solutions in this Assembly.

Honorable Members, on the day I was to make an official communication on the demise of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, the Assembly lacked quorum because the news got a majority of Members by shock and many went to condole with the family at his Nairobi residence.

Therefore, in honor of the spirit of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, shall we all rise to observe a minute of silence.

(Hon. Members rose for a minute of silence)

Hon Members, as I proceed to give my official tribute to the departed soul of a hero, I will dedicate this Sitting to the remembrance of the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga. Therefore, after Order No. 7, I will be giving Members the opportunity to address the Assembly in remembrance of the good deeds of the departed giant and celebration of his impactful life. Each Member shall be given a maximum of five minutes. In this regard, I will be calling upon the Leader of Majority to move a procedural Motion to effect the foregoing.

Hon Members, as a Kenyan, I received the news of his demise with profound shock and like the rest of the Country, am still burdened by grief and the loss of a statesman.

Hon Members, it should go on record that Hon. Raila Odinga was not merely a politician. He was a force of nature. He was a chapter in our history books that walked among us. His life was a living tapestry, woven with the very threads of Kenya's struggle for democracy, its fight for second liberation and its relentless pursuit of a more equitable society. To speak of his legacy is to narrate a significant portion of our post-colonial journey.

Many of us in this Chamber, myself included, came of age in a Kenya shaped by his courage. We remember the fiery orator, the defiant pro-democracy activist who bore the scars of the struggle-years of detention without trial, where his spirit, though confined, never broke. He emerged from those dark chambers not with bitterness, but with a renewed resolve to see a Kenya where no other citizen would have to suffer such injustice for their beliefs. He was a key architect of the Constitution of 2010, a document that remains the bedrock of our devolved government - the very system that empowers this County Assembly to serve the people of Nairobi. For this reason alone, his legacy is etched into the foundation of this Assembly.

His service as the Member of Parliament for Langata Constituency, and in various ministerial roles, was marked by a transformative vision. He saw infrastructure not as concrete and steel, but as the arteries of a nation's economy. He championed the development of key facilities that continue to drive our city and our nation forward. But beyond the bricks and mortar, his true constituency was the common mwananchi. He was the voice of the voiceless, the champion of the hustler, the defender of the downtrodden. He carried the hopes and aspirations of millions who saw in him a reflection of their own struggles and a vessel for their dreams.

To us in Nairobi, he was our neighbor, our leader, our Jakom. His presence was a constant in our political landscape. His famous phrase, "No retreat, no surrender," was not just a political slogan; it was a philosophy of resilience that inspired a generation to stand up for their rights, to question authority, and to believe in the power of their own voice. He taught us that politics was not a career for the faint-hearted, but a fierce and noble contest of ideas for the soul of the Nation.

Honorable Members, in his death, I must also acknowledge the man beyond the political giant. Raila Odinga was a devoted family man, a husband, a father, and a grandfather. We must continue to remember Mama Ida Odinga and the entire Odinga family. The loss they bear is immeasurable, and we, as a nation, share in their loss. As they come to terms with the loss, we pray that they continue finding strength and comfort in the outpouring of love from every corner of Kenya and beyond.

As we mourn, we must also reflect. The life of Raila Odinga challenges us to look beyond our political differences. In this Assembly, we sit on different sides of the aisle. We debate, we disagree, sometimes vigorously. But the passing of a figure of such magnitude reminds us that we are, first and foremost, Kenyans, united by a common destiny. Let his legacy be a bridge across our political divides. Let his unwavering commitment to a united Kenya inspire us to conduct our affairs with greater respect, tolerance, and a shared sense of purpose for the people who elected us.

Hon Members, my family has a personal connection to the existence of Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga having visited our home in the company of the President, H.E William Samoei Ruto on 31st June 2025 and shared a sitting with my mother. It was an honor we will remember in our lifetime and a fond memory that our family will always cherish.

Hon Members, fellow Nairobians, the big Mugumo tree fell and the roar of "Agwambo" is now a haunting echo. The fire that burned so brightly for decades got extinguished. The journey of the Enigma came to its earthly end.

But as we stand in the shadow of this great tree, let us not only mourn. Let us gather the seeds of his courage, his resilience, his unwavering belief in democracy, and his profound love for Kenya. Let us plant these seeds in the fertile ground of our nation's future.

Let us ensure that the battles he fought were not in vain. Let us strive to build the Kenya he dreamed of—a Kenya at peace with itself, a Kenya of justice, a Kenya of opportunity for all, regardless of tribe, race, or social status.

His physical presence is gone, but his spirit, his ideals, and his defiant hope for a better tomorrow must live on in each and every one of us. Let that be his true and everlasting legacy.

Hon Members, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you who attended the all-Members workshop in Kisumu County and later visited his resting place at Kango Ka Jaramogi and Opoda Farm in Bondo. Indeed, it was a profound demonstration of the love and connection we have for the country's hero. Similarly, the deliberations at the said workshop that was graced by H.E the Governor, Hon, Sakaja Arthur Johnson, were very significant.

Hon. Members, as I conclude, permit me to highlight some of the resolutions reached at the said workshop that seek to cement the working relationship between the Assembly and the County Executive:

- i. On bursaries and sponsorships, H.E the Governor committed to the reinstatement of the two items in order to continue benefiting and keeping underprivileged and deserving pupils in school;
- ii. With respect to streamlining the working relationship between the Assembly and the Executive, the Governor announced periodic meetings between the Leadership, Members and the Select Committee on Liaison. He put emphasis on Quarterly meetings between his Office and all Members of the County Assembly;
- iii. On implementation of Ward Development programme, the Governor reiterated his commitment to the success of the programme. He stated that his Office will be forwarding a Paper to the Assembly for consideration. The objective of the Paper is to streamline the programme structures and address any challenges that may impede the implementation of projects; and
- iv. With respect to the welfare, the Governor undertook to release assorted food items to Members of the County Assembly to share with the Constituents as the Assembly prepares to proceed to the long recess and Christmas holidays.

Hon Members, on the other hand, the Governor appealed to the Assembly to provide a conducive and enabling working and engagement environment in support of his work and that of the County Executive Members since quality services to Nairobians depend on the collective and harmonious working relationship between the two arms. To this end, I will be consulting with the Assembly Leadership and the Liaison Committee on the challenges facing the working structures with the Executive and recommend the best way forward.

May God grant the soul of the Right Honorable Raila Amolo Odinga eternal rest. May He comfort his family and fortify our Nation. Thank you. May God bless Nairobi City County, and may God bless the Republic of Kenya.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF THE LATE RT HON. RAILA ODINGA

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, allow me to present Motion for Adjournment Motion before this House for purposes of eulogizing our party leader, my boss, and the world icon of democracy.

Hon. Speaker, I rise, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order Nos 34 and 59 (b), to move a Motion for Adjournment to eulogize the late, the Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, CGH.

THAT AWARE, the late Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga passed away on 15th October 2025, and was laid to rest on 19th October, 2025, in a ceremony that united the country in mourning and reflection of his enormous contribution to Kenya's political democracy and governance;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the late Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga served as a Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya between 2008 and 2013, and previously held various senior positions in government, including Cabinet Minister for Energy, Roads, Public Works, and Housing, and as a long-serving Member of Parliament for Langata Constituency, serving four consecutive parliamentary terms from 1992 to 2013;

NOTING THAT the Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga distinguished public service careers that spanned over four decades, during which he played a pivotal role in Kenya's transition to multi-party democracy, advancement of constitutional reforms, and a deepening of good governance, accountability, and inclusive leadership;

APPRECIATING his lifelong commitment to the ideals of democracy, freedom, and justice as a central role in the enactment of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, his tireless advocacy for devolution and equitable development, his dedication to reconciliation and peacebuilding through the 2008 National Accord and Reconciliation Act;

FURTHER APPRECIATING his passion for unifying African countries and promoting African economic integration, and as the African Union High Commission representative for infrastructure development in Africa, he championed regional integration, cross-border infrastructure, conservatism, and the continent's social and economic advancement;

RECOGNIZING THAT the late Rt Hon. Odinga stood as a symbol for resilience, courage, dedication, and courage, dedicating his life to the struggle of democracy, space, and social justice, social economic transformation, youth empowerment, and national unity, even in the face of great personal sacrifice, and his enduring legacy is that of a visionary statesman who inspired generations of leaders across Kenya and the African continent;

NOW THEREFORE, the Nairobi City County Assembly expresses his profound sorrow and conveys his deepest heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the people of Kenya on the demise of the Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga; and resolve to record its sincere appreciation of his outstanding service, monumental contribution to the country, the nation of Kenya, and Africa at large, and his indelible legacy as a patriot, democrat, and visionary leader.

Hon. Speaker, as I said in Kisumu, we will wish to request your able judgement to lift Order No 88 that restricts speeches to unwritten ones. I am seeing the Deputy Speaker here very busy rehearsing his tribute to the Rt Hon Prime Minister, Raila Odinga. I beg to ask your wisdom that we lift Standing Order No 88 to allow members to eulogize in the best way possible about the Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. If I may proceed, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe just on that, Hon. Members, it is a requirement, under Standing Order No 88, on speech that is indicated may not be read.

“88. (1) A Member shall not read a speech but a Member may read short extracts from written and printed papers in support of an argument and may refresh memory by reference to notes.

(2) The Speaker may allow a Member to read a speech in particular cases where the Speaker is satisfied that this is necessary for precision in statement of facts.”

Hon. Members, being the case, under Standing Order No. 88, and by the leave of the Chair, it is expected of the Speaker to either allow or admit written speech in the House. You may agree with me, Hon. Members, that the tribute is in line with the condolences. These are speeches which need to be documented and for further or future reference that will go to the books of archives. For that reason, as the Chair, I grant the opportunity for Members to read as many pages as they may wish, but within a time limit of five minutes. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for allowing that particular concern by the Hon. Members, and also restricting it to five minutes. If you are a good reader, I believe you can read more than 15 pages in five minutes.

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of this House and on behalf of the people of Nairobi, and as a Member for Makongeni Ward and also the leader of this House, allow me to give my tribute to the Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, CGH, the leader of my party.

Hon. Speaker, October 15th 2025 will forever remain the saddest day of my life. On that day, the nation received the shocking and heartbreaking news of the passing of my party leader, the Rt Hon. Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga, nicknamed Agwambo, Jakom, Baba, Tinga, and Nyundo, a giant of democracy and a defender of the people's deeds. Heroes never die. They live in our hearts.

First, I extend my deepest condolences to Mama Canon Ida Odinga, Rosemary Odinga, Junior Odinga, Winnie Odinga, and the brother, the new party leader of ODM, Dr. Oburu Odinga and the sister, Hon. Ruth Odinga.

Hon. Speaker, I stand here as a profound product of Raila Amolo Odinga. For those who know me, once upon a time, I was a watchman with Kenya Railways. I had the greatest honour serving under him as a member and a leader within his party. From a toilet cleaner in Makongeni to a watchman with Kenya Railways, and now standing before you as a leader of Government business and a leader of the biggest party in East and Central Africa. I am here today because Raila believed in me. When nobody else did, he saw leadership in a young Teso boy from Makongeni, something many thought impossible in the politics of Nairobi; a Teso to be elected. Through his hand and guidance, I have been elected now on record three times. Ever in the history of Kenya, I am imagining if another Teso would ever be elected three times in the capital city of Nairobi. When the world doubted me, Hon. Speaker, Baba said, “Yes, you can.” I am here because he believed in me.

Hon. Speaker, the Right Hon. Raila Odinga was a non-conformist, a fighter who refused to bow to injustice, and taught as such. A believer in truth who spoke to power unshakably. Though

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tortured and detained for nearly a decade, he never retreated from the dream of a better Kenya. Though his victories were stolen, and I must repeat to say that, though his victory was stolen, not once, not twice, he chose peace, extending the hand of reconciliation to his oppressors. As Winston Churchill said; *“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”* Baba continued always.

Hon. Speaker, when Baba believed in a cause, he pursued it to the very end. No amount of intimidation nor tear gas, police brutality, nor detention without trial could silence him. He stood firm, always driven by conviction and love for this country. The streets of Nairobi and the rest of Kenya will forever echo with his courage and resilience. Yet Baba was also a man of peace, whenever he sensed the nation tearing on the brink, he would retreat for the sake of unity and stability. He was a Kenyan moral handbrake, the voice of reason amidst chaos. He would not allow the path of division. But instead, he chose the higher path of peace and reconciliation. Kenya was truly blessed to have the son of Mary, that is Raila Amolo Odinga, as a statesman and not a warlord, as others wanted to portray him.

Hon. Speaker, through his steadfastness and courage, Baba gave Kenya the 2010 Constitution with its elaborate Bill of Rights and the gift of devolution, which today empowers this very Assembly to legislate, oversight, and champion our people’s development. He fought all his adult life for democracy, good governance, rule of law and human dignity.

Hon. Speaker, Baba believed passionately that Kenya could and would transform from a third-world to a first-world country. He often reminded us how, at independence, countries like South Korea were at par with Kenya but had since surpassed us due to visionary leadership and discipline. Indeed, as Minister for Roads and Public Works, he conceptualized and championed transformative infrastructure projects some of which are the most enduring in the region. We must never forget that the Thika Superhighway stands as it does today largely because of Baba’s vision and leadership in its conception and execution. His exemplary contributions in this sector ultimately led to his appointment as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development a continental recognition of his decades of dedicated service to Africa.

Hon. Speaker, Baba fought tirelessly for our nation’s environment even when it cost him politically. As Prime Minister, Raila stood firm to protect Mau Forest, the greatest water tower in our region. He risked and lost a major vote bloc because he chose future generations over political convenience. Such is the measure of a true statesman. As Theodore Roosevelt once said; *“A great leader does what is right, even when it is not popular.”* Baba lived that truth and preserved the Mau Forest for generation to come.

Hon. Speaker, Baba was a firm believer in the rule of law. Whenever he felt aggrieved, he always sought redress through the judicial process. Through his legal pursuits, he played a pivotal role in shaping Kenya’s electoral jurisprudence, particularly in entrenching the principle that presidential results declared at the polling station are final. The Supreme Court decisions in Raila Odinga in 2013, 2017, and 2022 have immensely enriched our electoral legal framework, providing enduring guidance for the future conduct of elections and safeguarding the sanctity of the voter’s will. Through the Orange Democratic Movement, Baba further championed numerous

constitutional petitions that led to the invalidation of laws which threatened fundamental rights and freedoms. He will forever be remembered for his unwavering commitment to justice, constitutionalism, and the rule of law.

Hon. Speaker, Baba was also a fearless crusader against corruption and misrule in all their forms. He believed that corruption was the malignant cancer eating away the very fabric of our nation and stifling Kenya's progress. He stood as the people's vigilant watchman. Bold, principled, and unwavering in his pursuit of integrity in public life. With unmatched courage, he exposed deep-seated scandals within government, often at great personal risk. We shall forever remember his relentless pursuit of truth in unearthing the Anglo-Leasing, Maize and NYS scandals, as well as the infamous Mamluki – Arthur brothers' affair, among many others that he brought to light in defense of the public good.

Hon. Speaker, Baba was a man without malice. He bore no grudges, even against those who betrayed or opposed him. He believed in forgiveness and reconciliation which is a true mark of statesmanship and a reflection of his deep humanity. He showed us that leadership is not about vengeance but about the courage to unite, rebuild, and move forward. It is because of this rare character that Raila Odinga cooperated with the late President Moi to bring minimum electoral reforms. Shook hands with the late President Mwai Kibaki to restore peace. Shook hands with President Uhuru Kenyatta to protect national unity. And yes, he recently shook hands with H.E. President William Samoei Ruto to prevent the collapse of the Kenyan state. Only a true patriot pays such a high price for peace.

Hon. Speaker, Raila Odinga was never a tribalistic. He detested tribalism with every fiber of his being. He championed the rights of minorities and always ensured that marginalized communities found a voice and a place at the table. Whenever given the opportunity to lead, he appointed and empowered Kenyans from all tribes, balancing his teams with fairness, diversity, and merit. It is because of this non-tribal politics that ODM enjoys mass following across the length and breadth of Kenya. His strongest political base was Nairobi City, the most cosmopolitan region in our country, a true reflection of his national appeal. Baba won hearts and votes in every region because he sought to unite, not to divide. The overwhelming outpouring of grief and condolences from all corners of our Republic during this mourning period is undeniable proof that Raila was a leader of the entire nation. His inclusive politics must be our guiding star we must emulate him.

Hon. Speaker, Baba was the finest political orator of our time. A master of words and wit. His eloquence on the campaign trail could electrify crowds and send tremors through his opponents. His political communication was unmatched, and his use of vivid analogies and *vitendawili* made his message resonate deeply with the common citizen. Through these, he simplified complex political ideas, inspiring hope and unity across the nation.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, your light is off, you may conclude.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Leader of Majority has 10 minutes, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You have 15 minutes, and you have accumulated 15 min already.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, his grasp of Kenya's history and political landscape was extraordinary. He could narrate our national journey as though he had lived every chapter himself. Baba connected with the people effortlessly; he spoke their language, understood their struggles, and embodied their aspirations.

Hon. Speaker, as already alluded to, Baba was a great mentor of the youth. Baba believed in nurturing young leaders and creating space for them to grow. Many of today's prominent politicians owe their rise to his generosity, mentorship, and belief in their potential. He gave countless young men and women a platform to refine their political and leadership skills. A true testament to his vision for continuity and renewal in our nation's leadership. We are today because Baba was.

Hon. Speaker, Baba was a scholar too. A mechanical engineer by training, he belonged to that rare generation of intellectuals who combined technical brilliance with national vision. Educated and nurtured among the finest minds of his time, he later served as a lecturer at the University of Nairobi in the early years of our Republic. In doing so, he helped shape the human resource that built the foundation of modern Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, beyond engineering, Baba possessed an extraordinary grasp of complex economic and public policy issues. From his incisive media interviews to his eloquent speeches and most recently during his African Union Commission chairmanship campaigns, he demonstrated a deep understanding of the economic solutions Kenya and indeed Africa needed. As a founder member of the NARC Government and later the Grand Coalition Government, Baba played a pivotal role in steering our nation's economic transformation after years of economic misrule. The Vision2030 development blueprint stands among the enduring products of his foresight and policy influence. His political manifestos overwhelmingly endorsed by the people but tragically never implemented due to electoral injustice offered transformative economic pathways that would have propelled Kenya to greater heights. If only Baba had become President, Kenya would already have reached the promised land, Canaan, he so often spoke of. That dream, we must now fulfil for Baba, and for Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, beyond politics, Baba was a sportsman par excellence. I remember many occasions watching football with him at Serena Hotel. Our team remains one; Team *ya Baba* – Arsenal. His love for football endured until his sunset years. He nurtured young talent, reformed the football federation, played for Bunge FC and later became a proud patron of Gor Mahia FC. Like myself, he was a passionate supporter of Arsenal, ever hopeful, ever believing that tomorrow would be better. He never missed a chance to encourage our sportsmen and women, often gracing Harambee Stars matches, including as recently as the just concluded CHAN tournament at Kasarani Stadium. Surely, the stands will never be the same without him.

Hon. Speaker, above all, Baba was a devoted family man. Despite his demanding political life, he always found time for his loved ones and for Kenyans at large. He balanced public duty with private devotion, a rare quality in our politics. We are proud and grateful to have shared Baba with his family, who supported him in serving our nation with grace, courage, and humility.

Hon. Speaker, as I conclude, on 12th October 2021, this House made history when we honoured Baba while he was alive by unanimously adopting my Motion to rename Mbagathi Way to Raila Odinga Way. The HANSARD bears witness. It is my conviction that Baba's legacy deserves more such honour, not just on our roads, but in our hearts and our governance. Hon. Hon.Emily Oduor stood with me when I brought that Motion in this House. Even my friends ran away that day. They said this Teso boy is imagining too much to give Raila Odinga a road. Hon. Emily stood firm and supported. Even former Speaker, Hon. Benson Kang'ara ran away.

Hon. Speaker, we extend our sincere gratitude to H.E. President William Samoei Ruto for honouring Baba with a state funeral befitting a founding icon of our Republic, and for posthumously bestowing upon him the highest honour of our land, the Chief of the Order of the Golden Heart (CGH). As Baba's children, we shall remain eternally grateful for this dignified recognition of his lifelong sacrifice and service to Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, we are equally grateful to all those who walked with Baba throughout his political struggles for a just and equitable Kenya especially the brave souls who paid the ultimate price along that difficult journey. Indeed, the people of Makongeni and Jogoo Road at large will never forget the difficult and painful events of 17th November 2017 during Baba's return from the United States, when they faced undue police brutality while standing in solidarity with their leader.

Hon. Speaker, this city and nation will never be the same again without Raila Odinga. He shaped our politics, our democracy, our economy, and our conscience. He lived Winston Churchill's truth that; *"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."* That was his lifelong creed. Even though Baba rests, his legacy marches on, in our streets, in this House, in devolution, and in every young Kenyan who believes tomorrow can be better.

Hon. Speaker, Raila Odinga ran his race. He kept the faith. He delivered Kenya to a new dawn. We, his soldiers, shall carry forward his torch. We shall protect devolution. We shall defend democracy. We shall walk in truth and justice. And we shall forever proclaim that Baba was a gift to Kenya, and a blessing to Africa. Though the King has rested, the crown lives on forever. Fare thee well, Jakom. May your revolutionary spirit continue to guide this Assembly and our beloved country. Rest in Power Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, CGH. The people's president. The father of devolution. The soul of Kenya's democracy. Baba, you live on. Though the king has rested, the crown lives on forever. And Baba why give us 72 hours? He could have given us seven months to mourn you. But always as he said, when Baba says left, it is left. When he says it's right, it's right. We did our best within 72 hours to give you a resting peace. May you all rest in eternal peace. My father, my mentor, my elder. No one else in Kenya can reach where Raila Odinga reached in our lives. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. The Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity, and thank you again, Majority Leader, for the hearty and lengthy tributes to the Enigma. I want to believe that even a day, even a week, even a year is not enough to eulogize and say thank you to Baba for his time. I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a man, a son, a father, and a husband. A leader

and a commander. An enigma and somebody who brought change to this country. Raila Odinga is one man that we had. If we had him, we had him. If we don't, we don't. He has left shoes that are not replaceable, that cannot fit anybody.

Hon. Speaker, I want to eulogize and say that Baba was not the darkness that he endured, but the light that he survived. He is a man who has chosen not to be bitter after being the longest serving detainee in this country. He came out and continued to shine his torch bright. He was a legend. We know that heroes get remembered, but legends never die. Raila Odinga lives on. I had an opportunity to interact with him twice closely this year. In Addis Ababa and also when I worked with the leadership when we were trying to solve the crisis in this County.

Hon. Speaker, having not voted for Raila Odinga ever since he vied, I would want to declare today that Raila Odinga was the best president that we never had. That he is the best Secretary General that the African Union never had. Hon. Speaker, when I sat with him and listened to him, it came to realization that, what a man can see seated, a child cannot see even when he stands on top of a mountain. The decisions that he helped us make, the decisions that he made for his party and for this Country. When he went to salvage this country from the jaws of violence and hatred, a lot of us could not understand what he was doing. But he was seeing many kilometers ahead.

Hon. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to remind the people that the world does not listen to struggle, it respects stability. That is something he always knew. That he struggled to be the president but he focused more on the stability of this country.

Hon. Speaker, I don't think I have much to say because we have a lot of people who have to say, but I can say that we all have an example. We all have a mentor. We all have somebody to look up to. Somebody who gave this country more than he shared, more than what he had, and more than what belonged to him. My only prayer is for his family, for his party, those who adored him, and everybody in this country, in this continent and maybe in the whole world. That we pray for his immediate family that they will be able to overcome. The Lord may bring up another Raila from his lineage because he deserves that. That we pray for him that eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in eternal peace. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the Leader Minority. Next is the Hon. Deputy Speaker, Hon. Paul Kados.

Hon. Paul Kados: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I rise today with a heavy heart, deep reflection to pay special tribute to a man whose name is deeply woven into the fabric of our nation's history, the late Rt Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, CGH, the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya. His passing marks an end of an era of struggle, conviction, and relenting pursuit of justice and democracy for the people of Kenya.

Hon. Speaker, the story of Raila Amolo Odinga is not just of a politician. It is a story of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering principle. In 1994, I remember, Raila Odinga made a rare act of political courage when he resigned from his parliamentary seat in Langata Constituency, having disagreed with the ideals and directions of Ford Kenya. Rather than compromise his convictions, he returned to the people under a new banner, the National Development Party (NDP), and against

all odds was overwhelmingly re-elected. That singular act, Mr. Speaker, demonstrated a quality rare seen in politics today, principle over positions and convictions over convenience.

Hon. Members, the late Raila Amolo Odinga stands tall amongst the architects of Kenya's second liberation. He endured years of imprisonment, torture, yet he never lost faith and promise to this country. He was among those who through the Inter-Parties Parliamentary Group (IPPG) reforms in 1997 pushed open to demonstrate the civic space we all enjoy today.

Hon. Speaker, in 2002, when Kenya was at a political crossroad, he again rose above self and declared the historic words 'Kibaki Tosha', uniting a divided opposition and resetting the political trajectory of this nation that moment. It was not about power; it was about purpose.

In 2005, when the controversial Wako Draft Constitution was proposed, Raila Odinga stood firm with the people under the Orange Democratic Movement, ODM, championing the No campaign that reshaped our constitutional debate. That movement eventually gave birth to the 2010 Constitution, a people-driven charter that brought devolution the very system that gave rise to this Assembly enabled us all Hon. Members to serve our people at the grassroots.

Hon. Speaker, we cannot forget the dark days of the 2007 post-election violence when our country was in the brink of collapse. It was Hon. Raila Odinga who in an act of rare statesmanship, put Kenya first, ceded ground and agreed to a power-sharing arrangement that bred the Grand Coalition Government. He reminded us then that Kenya is bigger than any single individual. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I wonder how many of us here can forego the ambitions and privileges for the sake of stability and progress of this Country. I repeat, how many of us in this Assembly can emulate Raila Odinga?

Hon. Speaker, come the year 2018, through the famous handshake with His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, he once again demonstrated his unmatched capacity for reconciliation and unity, helping to stabilize this country and indeed the leadership of this very city, Nairobi. Closer home, Hon. Speaker, I recall his hand in shaping our political direction in this capital. During the Utawala Ward by-election in Embakasi East, the late Hon Raila single-handedly, personally campaigned for and supported our Azimio candidate, Hon Patrick Karani, whose victory, I think, he has to owe that to Raila Amola Odinga. I don't know whether Hon. Karani is around today.

Hon. Speaker, it is rare to find a leader who repeatedly makes peace with his rivals for the sake of the nation, who turns defeat into dialogue and who leaves behind not bitterness but belief, belief in the Kenyan dream. As we mourn, we celebrate a touring patriot, a father, a reformist, a visionary, and a true son of Africa. His legacy will live not only in our laws and institutions, but in the spirit of democracy and justice that continues to guide this Assembly and our nation.

As I conclude, I would like to remind this Assembly leadership that the majority of you owe your positions to the late Prime Minister, Rt Hon Raila Amola Odinga. In memory of this fact, let us be selfless as we serve our electorate and the residents of Nairobi City County.

May his indomitable spirit inspire all members to rise above partisanship and work together for the unity and progress of Nairobi and that of Kenya. Rest in eternal peace, Rt Hon Raila Odinga. Our nation's unyielding reformer and Africa's son of destiny. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Majority Whip.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Today is a very sad day again. I stand here before this Assembly to eulogize His Excellency Rt Hon. Raila Amola Odinga. Even one month has not ended. Hon. Speaker, I thank you for ensuring that today we eulogize Hon Raila Amolo Odinga, who has stood so firm for this country.

Hon. Speaker, some called him *mganga*, some call him *kihii*, some call him *mchawi*, some call him *mzee wa vitendawili*, but we called him Baba. We stood by him because he stood for this nation. Today we wouldn't have been called honorable Members. We are called honorable Members courtesy of Baba. Those adversaries who called him names, today they are saying that Baba could have been the President of the Republic of Kenya. They denied him the presidency. I remember even the President of the Republic of Kenya the other day said Baba was the people's president of the Republic of Kenya.

Indeed, he is Baba. We can eulogize Baba now that you have said five minutes. We can talk even the whole day eulogizing Baba, because of what he stood for in this country. Hon. Speaker, Baba made us to be who we are today. He stood for justice, democracy and he ensured that Kenya will move forward, not on a personal interest. Baba has made the young people of this country to be where they are today. The same Baba made political parties of the Republic of Kenya to stand firm.

Hon. Speaker, if it were not for Baba, today we wouldn't have had political parties. If it was not for him, today we wouldn't have had county governments. If it were not for Baba, we wouldn't have had two Houses, both the National Assembly and the Senate, because of what he stood for.

Hon. Speaker, we will continue mourning. So, one day when you see us also eulogizing him, don't just shut us up because today you have said that you have designated the day. We will continue to eulogize Baba any time we get an opportunity to do so because he is a man who lived by his words. Baba used to say two steps forward, one backward, still you are moving. What he meant is that, you can shake hands with your oppressors for the purpose of the country.

Hon. Speaker, I want to also give my utmost sincere condolences to Mama Ida, the son Raila Junior, the daughters, Winnie and Rosemary, his brother, Dr. Buru Odinga, and his two sisters, Dr. Beryl Odinga and Her Excellency Ruth Odinga. May Baba's soul rest in peace. Long live, Baba! Long live the crown!

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the Hon. Minority Whip.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker kindly defend me from interference from the Minority Leader.

Hon. Speaker: You are protected, you may proceed.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: I, Hon. Mark Roro, stand here today to pay tribute to Raila Amolo Odinga. He stands as one of Kenya's most influential and resilient political figures; a man whose life has been defined by unwavering dedication to democracy, justice and the rights of the common citizens. Born into a family rooted in the nation's political history, Raila Odinga inherited not only

the legacy of this father, the late Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, but also the courage to challenge systems of oppression and the conviction to fight for a better Kenya.

His journey from the turbulent years of post-independence politics to becoming a symbol of reforms and resistance, reflects a rare combination of vision, sacrifice and patriotism. Throughout his political career, Raila Odinga has been at the forefront of Kenya's struggle for multi-party democracy. His defiance during the repressive one party era earned him both admiration and persecution in equal measure. Raila's imprisonment and torture under the Moi's regime did not break his spirit, instead, they strengthened his resolve to advocate for political freedom and human rights. His courage inspired a generation of reformists who would later reshape the nation's political landscape. That is why you heard our Majority Leader talk on how far the late Raila Odinga has brought him from very humble beginnings at the Railways gates to being today the leader of Government Business. He did ensure that democracy and the rule of law became central to Kenya's governance.

Beyond politics, Raila Odinga has been a visionary advocate for national unity and development. His famous handshake with former President, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta in 2018 exemplified his commitment to peace and reconciliation over personal ambitions. This gesture so controversial was a profound – in deed it was controversial because I was against it as a member of the Jubilee party then, but years have vindicated him. Although the gesture was controversial, it was a profound demonstration of statesmanship prioritizing Kenyans stability over political rivalry.

Hon. Speaker, Raila Odinga has consistently championed devolution, and it is through devolution that we have the county governments today. He also championed for inclusivity and the empowerment of the marginalized communities, believing that every Kenyan regardless of background deserves a voice in the nation's progress. His charisma and ability to connect with ordinary citizens have made him a beloved figure affectionately known as 'Baba.'

To his supporters, he embodies hope, resilience and the spirit of resistance against injustices. His speeches marked by eloquence and conviction have inspired millions in Kenya and outside the country to dream of a fairer, more prosperous Kenya and Africa. Even in moments of political defeat, Raila grace and persistence have shown the nation that leadership is not merely about holding power but about serving with integrity and vision.

In honouring Raila Odinga, we do celebrate not just a politician, but a statesman whose life and work transcends elections and political titles. His story is one of courage, endurance and unwavering belief in the promise of Kenya as history continues to unfold. Raila's legacy will endure as a reminder that true leadership lies in sacrifice, conviction and the relentless pursuit of justice for all. May Raila Odinga's soul rest in eternal peace. Long live the crown! Long live Baba! Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Chege.

Hon. Chege Mwaure: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for granting the Assembly this very important chance to be able to give our tributes to one of the greatest leaders of this country,

and also because he was a leader from Nairobi. Mr. Speaker, because I know many Members are eager to have a say, I will just go with two points.

Mr. Speaker, when I heard that today we are going to have this very important occasion, my question has been, what lessons did I learn and what lessons did we learn? What can we get out of his legacy? How do we translate these tributes to lifelong examples for us?

Mr. Speaker, I am a beneficiary of the struggles of His Excellency the Rt. Hon. former Prime Minister by him granting us devolution. As we all know, devolution has two arms of government; the Executive and the Assembly. Today I serve as the Secretary General of all County Assemblies, courtesy of the struggles of Raila Amolo Odinga. I will forever be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, on my second and most important point, I had the chance to interact with him in many instances, but two most important ones come into play. One, when I was serving as the Acting Speaker of the Nairobi County Assembly. We had an issue with regards to my friend, Hon. Perpetua. Even today, Hon. Perpetua holds that against me. In one of the instance a call from him came through and we had a very candid discussion for about three minutes in that position. I hope the Hon. Perpetua will understand me and allow us to proceed because I have always had a bone of contention with her because of the happenings. I can see the Members like Hon. Catherine and the one ones who were in the last Assembly, they understood the instructions and we ably effected that instruction.

Mr. Speaker, the second instance was when we were talking about the impeachment process. He called us to his office. I want to thank the leadership of ODM Party, because when the call came for the meeting, I was with the Leader of Majority and Hon. Ogeto and he asked you to go and visit him on this matter, and you were categorical that you would want us to accompany you. I remember his first words were; “You are leaders, and leaders call for solutions, and if your problem is bigger, then there is a bigger solution to be solved”. We had a very interesting long meeting. I could not believe at his age that he could spent about 7 hours on that issue, pounding and giving us county examples and what needs to happen. I remember his last point when we were finishing, first he said that he will never call us about Sakaja or Nairobi County again. May be that was his last bye-bye to us. He said that we hold on a bit for now. I really got inspired in his way of calming our hot heads in that heated debate, and he offered us lunch.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy that this Assembly gave him his flowers when he was still alive. Hon. Imwatok brought a Motion to change Mbagathi Way to Raila Odinga Road. I am so proud that you were able to do that. He got that benefit when he was still alive. It was very difficult at that time but I am happy that you were able to push it through.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, when I look at the region, and in this case the East African Community, I see the shenanigans in Tanzania, I look at the upcoming elections in Uganda, I look at Rwanda, I look at Burundi, I look at South Sudan, and I look at Somalia, all around the region every president gets over 90%. That nonsense cannot happen in this country because of the efforts of His Excellency Raila Amolo Odinga and his compatriots in his time.

My bigger question is; what will we do in our time? What have we been called to do? This House must rise and live that legacy so that when things are not happening right in Nairobi, let us

not be asked that we are refusing to conform. We are not angry with anyone; we just want fairness. If things are not fair, let us be allowed to say so. When we are called again to make serious decisions that compromises, we will make these compromises. But at the end of the day, let justice prevail. Let the indomitable spirit of Baba continue living on our hearts, minds and in our convictions. May Baba's soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chege. Hon. Stazo Omung'ala.

Hon. Stazo Omung'ala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today with an extremely heavy heart, not as a politician but as a son mourning the father of our nation's democratic struggle. The passing of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, CGH, fondly known as 'Baba' has left a void that words can scarcely fill. Baba was not just a leader, he was a movement, a living symbol of courage, resilience and the unyielding pursuit of justice. His life was tapestry woven with sacrifice and service. His voice a constant reminder that freedom is never given. It is earned through conviction and willingness to pay the ultimate price.

To those of us who were privileged to walk the political path he cleared, Baba was more than a mentor. He was a compass, he taught us that leadership is not about positions but about purpose. That politics must be anchored in the peoples hopes and not in the personal gains. He often reminded us that a leader must be ready to lose everything except their integrity.

Baba's legacy transcends politics. He stood at the intersection of history and destiny, riding Kenya through some of her most trying chapters in history. From the struggles of multiparty democracy to the dream of national unity. His courage defines opposition politics, transforming it into a platform for accountability and reforms. He turned pain into purpose, defeat into defiance and resistance into renewal.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), I mourn not only a party leader but a moral force, the heartbeat of our collective struggle. His humility amidst greatness, his forgiveness after persecution and his vision for a just and prosperous Kenya will forever inspire many generations. Baba may have rested, but his spirit lives on.

In every young leader he mentored, every reform he fought for and every Kenyan who still believes that this country can rise to its full promise, he is one leader who would see leadership in a person that not everybody would see. In the 2022 general elections, I used to call the majority leader like 10 times a day because of the issues that we had with leaders in the party due to the positions that we were vying for. Baba saw the struggles that we had, the confusions and he decided that a direct ticket would be good for me. I thank him for that.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to thank Hon. Ida Odinga, and the larger Jaramogi Odinga family for sharing Raila Amolo Odinga with Kenya, with the world and with us. It is a sacrifice that has seen many people become successful, not only in politics – many people know Raila Odinga because of politics, but you and I, and may be the leadership of this House and any leader here who has been elected on our party, know the burden Baba was taking of paying fees and rent for people and he did not go around saying what he does. Baba was a great man. *Nind gikwe Jakom*. Long live the crown! Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Our senior rankling Member, former Mayor, Hon. Majiwa.

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza, nataka kumshukuru Mungu kwa siku hii ya leo na kwa kutupa nafasi ili tuweze kusimama hapa ndani ya Bunge hili ili tuzungumzie kiongozi wetu ambaye ametuacha. Mamabo aliyoyatenda yatabaki nasi milele.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nikizungumza kuhusu huyu kiongozi aliyetuacha, ni binadamu ambaye tunaweza muita jitu mtu katika matendo yake. Alifanya makubwa na alifanya watu wakawa wakubwa hata zaidi yake yeye mwenyewe. Kiongozi huyu tunayemzungumzia, Raila Amolo Odinga, ni kama Kenya ni yeye na yeye ni Kenya, kwa sababu mambo ambayo yanaendelea katika kila nchi inategemea uongozi na siasa katika ile nchi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa maoni yangu binafsi, naona siasa ya Kenya pasipo Raila haitakuwa sawa tena. Tofauti ni kubwa. Baadhi yetu ambao tuko katika nafasi za uongozi na siasa na wale wanaoongozwa na wanasiasa, mambo mingi yatakuwa tofauti. Raila amejenga watu wengi na amewafanya waweze kujikimu kimaisha. Wengi wa wanasiasa wa Kenya, kama si Raila, hawangekuwa wanasiasa kwa sababu alikuwa ndiye siasa ya Kenya. Kwa hivyo ilikuwa ni uwe pande yake ama huwe upande ule mwingine ndiyo huwe mwanasiasa. Kuna wenye wamefaulu kuwa wanasiasa nchini Kenya kwa kusema maneno mabaya juu ya Raila. Pia, kuna wale ambao walikuwa wanasiasa nchini kwa kufuata imani ya Raila ya kisiasa. Inategemea ni upande gani umesimama.

Mheshimiwa Spika, sisi ambao tumebaki na ambao tumelelewa na Raila Odinga katika siasa ya chama chetu ya ODM, tuna jukumu kubwa sana ya kuiga mfano wake na kuishi maisha aliyotuonyesha. Japo ni changamoto hata wakati alipokuwa uhai, wengi wetu tulishindwa kufuata mfano wake maanake tuliketi na yeye na wakati tukiwachana na yeye yale tunatenda ni tofauti na imani yake. Wengi ambao walikuwa wanaketi na huyu mzee, wakiwa na yeye walionyesha kwamba ni watu wazuri sana lakini wakienda kando na yeye yale walikuwa wanafanya sio sawa kabisa kibinadamu. Hiyo ilifanya pia siasa ya Kenya ionekane ya kwamba kuna wanasiasa tofauti. Kkuna wanasiasa wabinafsi na kuna viongozi ambao wanataka kuongoza watu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, huyu kiongozi ambaye tunayemzungumzia aliiamini sana nchi yetu. Aliweka maisha yake mbele ya nchi na hakujali chochote bora nchi iwe na amani na maendeleo. Msingi yake ilikuwa amani na maendeleo katika nchi ya Kenya. Historia yake inajulikana na sio tu watoto wa shule au kina mama, sote tunajua kuwa maisha yake yote ameteseka akijaribu kuleta hayo mambo mawili katika nchi yetu ya Kenya. Ilikuwa vigumu hata wakati wake wa ujana kuishi na familia yake kwa sababu ya kutaka amani na maendeleo nchini Kenya. Lakini aliapa ya kwamba ataacha yote yale ili apiganie nchi yake. Tunamshukuru na tunaomba Mungu aiweke roho yake mahali pema peponi kwa sababu ya yale ametendea Kenya. Isingekuwa yeye hakuna angeweza.

Mheshimiwa Spika, saa hii tunazungumzia Katiba ya Kenya ambayo ilipitishwa mwaka wa 2010. Katika hii Katiba, kuna mambo mengi sana ya muhimu ya Mkenya wa kawaida ambayo inaleta maendeleo ambayo inasaidia watu kujikimu kimaisha. Lakini uongozi ambao pengine tunapata nchini inaleta tatizo kwa sababu watu hawataki kufuata Katiba vile inavyosema. Ni ajabu sana kwa sababu baada ya Raila kuteseka miaka hiyo yote na akaleta katiba, amekufa kama anajaribu kuwakumbusha watu Katiba inasema nini.

Wale ambao Raila anakumbusha mambo ya ugutuzi vile katiba inahitaji kutumika, ni watu ambao ni wasomi; wengine ni mawakili na wengine ni madaktari, lakini ilibidi Raila aende kwenye jukwaa aeleze watu maana ya ugutuzi ndio waelewe namna gani watafanya kazi na ugutuzi. Kwa hiyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, tunasema huyu ni mtu ambaye alipenda Kenya kuliko vile alivyojipenda mwenyewe. Kwa bahati mbaya alipata nafasi mrefu ya kufanya kazi na watu ambao hawangeweza kuiga mfano wake na kumsaidia kuleta mabadiliko ambao alitamani kuleta Kenya.

Tunaomba Mungu, vile ametuacha, atupe mwelekeo ili tuweze kufuata maandalizi ambayo alifanya katika maisha ya Wakenya kama kiongozi wa Kenya ambaye anaaminika na watu wote. Wakati amekufa, wengine ambao walikuwa hawaamini kama huyu ni kiongozi wa watu wote walipata kujua na kuona na macho yao kuwa huyu ukweli ni kiongozi wa watu wote nchini Kenya.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tumekuwa na mazishi ya viongozi nchini Kenya, lakini hakujakuwa na kama yake. Aliomboleza Kenya nzima na watu wote walijua na wakafika mahali ya kuamini ya kwamba kuna mtu ambaye ametuacha ambaye hakuwa amefaa atuache. Ameacha pengo kubwa ambayo haitapata mtu wa kuiziba. Tunaomba Mungu ili sisi wakenya tupate mwanga tuweze kufuatilia maadili yake kama kiongozi ambaye alisimamia umoja, maendeleo na haki katika nchi yetu ya Kenya. Japo ni vigumu na kuna changamoto kupata watu ambao ni waaminifu, watu wanapenda haki, na watu wanaopenda ukweli husemwe, haswa kwa viongozi wa wakati huu, lakini tunaomba Mungu ili atupe nafasi.

Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hayo machache, tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu aiweke roho ya Raila Amolo Odinga mahali pema mpaka wakati tutapokutana tena. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, be observant of the light, because from the light you can tell of your timing. It is my pleasure to call upon the area MCA for Raila Amolo Odinga. Who is the area MCA? Kindly proceed. The area MCA, where he voted.

Hon. Rosemary Masitsa: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ya kuongelea kuhusu Baba Raila Amolo Odinga, *voter* wangu. Kibra ilikuwa uti wa mgongo wa Raila Amolo Odinga. Wanasiasa wote walimjua yeye kupitia Kibra. Kwa hivyo, Bwana Spika, tuko na uchungu sana kwa kumpoteza Baba Raila Amolo Odinga.

Baba alikuwa mtetezi wa wanyonge kama mimi. Akiona kama kuna kiongozi anataka kuwa kwa siasa, anaenda kumwinua, kama mimi, Bwana Spika. Alitetea sana wanyonge. Kuna wakati ilikuwa vigumu kupata vitambulisho, Baba alishughulikia na kuhuhakikisha kila Mkenya anapata. Hapo tulisema Baba ni Baba.

Baba amefanya mashirika mengi kujua Kibra. Wazungu na kabila zote wameolewa huko. Pia, watu wengi wa makabila mbalimbali wamekuja Kibra kwa sababu ya Baba. Amekuwa kielelezo nzuri na alifanya Kenya ikaonekana ni ya watu ila si ya mtu binafsi. Hii ni kwa sababu alikuwa anaona malalamishi ikiwa mbali na anaingilia kati.

Tukiingia kwa familia ya Baba, alitulinda sisi pamoja na familia yake. Mama Ida aliridhika vizuri na Baba. Watoto wake pia waliridhika naye. Lazima tuige mfano mzuri wa Baba. Wakati nimekuwa kwa hii matanga sijaona mtoto ametoka nje. Kwa hivyo, alikuwa kielelezo nzuri na sisi sote tunafaa tuige mfano wake. Baba apumzike vyema. Hata sis tuko njiani na tutampata huko.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon, DNG.

Hon. Davidson Ngibuini: Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. I rise to eulogize the late Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. I stand on behalf of my family and the people of Woodley/ Kenyatta Golf Course Ward. Hon. Speaker, I know you have served in this House for a long time, so you may know – I wanted to go on record that my uncle Peter Kuguru, who served as the Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company Chairman under Governor Kidero’s regime, was Raila’s point man in Mount Kenya region. Indeed, my uncle was his political appointee. Fast forward, ten years later, his nephew would be elected in Baba’s bedroom. That is very interesting.

Hon. Speaker, our nation continues to grapple with the demise of a leader, one of its finest statesman, a politician per excellence. Mine is to give my sincere condolences to the Odinga family, friends, political class and the people of the republic of Kenya. May God give us peace, comfort, solace, strength and understanding as we go through this difficult time. I pay tribute to an enigma of Kenyan politics.

The former Prime Minister was a staunch defender of democracy, a champion for political tolerance, reforms, peace and stability, especially at a time when it was difficult from a political perspective. He stood firm and his great achievements made him iconic, legendary, electric and vibrant. Just remembering the Kenya’s second Prime Minister, a long serving Member of Parliament for Langata Constituency and a face of opposition for decades, he dedicated his life to fighting for freedom of speech, justice and national unity, with a story of determination, courage, resilience and unwavering commitment to the people of this country. I am most impressed by his ability to remain relevant across four different regimes. His political weight, tactfulness and ability to pivot and reinvent himself throughout his journey, and those of us in leadership and governance here have a lot to learn from him.

I interacted with Baba on several occasions. I first met him through Mhweheshimiwa John Kiarie, the current Member of Parliament for Dagorretti South, one chilly morning at the Capitol Hill office. Hon Members, for the record, Capitol Hill office is in Woodley/Kenyatta Golf Course Ward. So, all this history is finding its way to be where we are today. For me, it has left me flabbergasted. Mhweheshimiwa KJ had taken me to Baba to talk about how I could play a role invigorating his youth campaigns as an entertainer. I would later meet him for the second time through his private secretary, Dr Noah Akala Oduwo. It was after this second introduction that Baba became my client. I then hosted him on my radio show, 1 FM Breakfast, to push his agenda and launched his website. I hosted him as a guest of honor in several events in Corporate Kenya. I even provided campaign machinery activation vans from my agency at a time that Baba was running the Okoa Kenya Movement. Those of you in his party could remember that. Through this, I got to interact for the first time with the national leader and statesman who was approachable, accessible and always willing to meet people and hear them out. May Baba rest in eternal peace. Amen.

Hon. Speaker: Hon Catherine Opiyo.

Hon. Catherine Opiyo: Asante sana. Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii kidogo ya kuchangia na kunena machache kuhusu Baba. Viongozi wameongea mengi sana kuhusu Baba.

Nimeona *Majority Leader, Whip, Deputy Whip, Deputy Speaker* na pia Spika. Yale nitayasema ni ni kati yangu na Baba.

Kwanza, ninamshukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Nimekaa na yeye miaka thelathini na tatu, na alinipenda. Mama pia alinipenda. Walinichukua kama mtoto wao. Mapenzi kama hayo nitapata wapi tena? Mimi nimekuwa *loyal* kwa baba kwa miaka hiyo thelathini na tatu. Baba aliniamini na kunipatia *nomination for four terms*. Nani kama Baba? Pia, akanipatia kuwa *chairlady* wa ODM Nairobi County. Nani kama Baba? Nitakuwa *loyal* kwa *party* ya Raila Amolo Odinga na chama cha ODM hadi kufa kwangu.

Kwa sasa, tunamshukuru Mungu kwa kutupatia *new leadership*. Nitakuwa *loyal* kwa Dr Oburu Odinga kama *party leader* wetu. Pia, nitakuwa *loyal* kwa *national chairperson* wa ODM, Gavana Gladys Wanga Atieno Nyasuna. Naombea familia ya Raila Odinga, mama Ida, Junior, Rosemary, Winnie, Ruth Odinga, na *Auntie* Beryl. Mwenyezi Mungu awalinde na awapatie neema.

Yale niliona Bondo, Kang'o ka Jaramogi, ni ya ajabu, sijawai kuona matanga kama hiyo. Kila aina ya watu wa kabila mbalimbali wanakuja kwa siku. Wanaleta maua, ng'ombe, zawadi, na chakula. Maua yale yako kwa kaburi ni maua ya kustajabu; ni mlima. Huo ndio upendo Wakenya wameonyesha Baba. Kweli alikuwa anapendwa na watu. Angekuwa hapa angeona upendo, lakini ameenda. Bado tuko na huzuni sana na uchungu mwingi. Tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu amweke Baba mahali pema peponi. *Nind gikwe Baba. Nind gikwe Agwambo. Nind gikwe wuon Fidel. Kithi imosna Fidel Odinga. Jowi! Jowi! Jowi! Oriti Baba.*

Hon. Speaker: That is not admissible. Thank you.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Thank you, Hon Speaker, together with the leadership of this Assembly for giving the Assembly this opportunity. I rise on behalf of great people of Githurai to make attributes about Baba. When we talk about Raila Amolo Odinga, we do not talk of just a leader or a politician; Baba carried our beloved country Kenya in his heart. When we talk about leadership and vision, Raila Amolo Odinga articulated a vision for a more equitable, democratic and more prosperous Kenya. When you talk about devolution, Raila was champion of devolution, he played a pivotal role in advocating for devolution under the 2010 Constitution, empowering Counties and local governance. My first time to hear the word 'majimbo' was through Baba. At some point, the person who tried to explain to me what 'majimbo' meant, he told me that Baba wanted to divide our country into regions. Little did we know that he was meaning a lot for prosperity of this country. Those who did not understand what Baba came up with, it was very hard for them to like him. That; 'majimbo' is the devolution we are enjoying today.

When you talk about democracy, Baba Raila Amolo Odinga was committed to democracy throughout his political career. Raila has been at the forefront of Kenya's struggle for multiparty democracy and political reforms. When we talk about the patriotism, he was deeply committed to Kenya's progress and unity. When you talk about courage and the will to confront powerful interest in the pursuit of justice and reform, it was within Baba Raila Amolo Odinga. When you talk about inclusivity, Baba advocated for equality, social justice and national cohesion.

The sudden and unfortunate breaking news that Baba had left us, I shaved my hair to Jordan as a way if mourning him. I extended that by trying mobilizing few supporters of Baba within

Githurai Ward and Roysambu in general. We hired a 14-seater matatu and attended the burial of Baba at Bondo.

The country has lost a great man. The country will still continue mourning him, I think, forever. May our heavenly and mighty God rest the powerful soul of Raila Baba Amolo Odinga Jakom to power. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Hon Perpetua.

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Thank you, Hon Speaker for giving me this opportunity to give tribute to my.... *(off the record)*

Hon. Speaker: Move to the next microphone please. Please assist the Hon Member.

Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa: Sorry for the interruption. Thank you, Hon Speaker. I think someone wants to finish me politically, but am covered by the blood of Jesus.

I stand here to give tribute to my father, Raila Amolo Odinga, Baba, Tinga. My favorite was when I called him 'Jakom.' In my early twenties as a young girl when I was in Kenya Airways, I was the chairperson of Aviation union. Erratic then and so energized to know everything, I was a trade unionist per excellence. I would call strikes left, right and center. When we went for the negotiations for collective bargaining agreements at any given time, Raila Amolo Odinga was the Prime Minister. I would come to Harambee Annex and meet him, and give him a brief. That is when he started calling me, "*Nyar Nyatanga okegi magufuli*, where do you get this energy? Monday, you called a strike and again seven days, you are again back on the strike." But he loved it because I would see him when he would call the CEO for Kenya Airways then, Mr. Naikuni in his board room at Harambee Annex. I could see in his face he loved the way we negotiated our return to work formula to end Kenya Airways strikes.

When I left Kenya Airways, I left the union politics and came to the mainstream politics, and I joined Orange Democratic Movement youth league. I became the treasurer of Starehe. I wanted to become everything. I thought Jakom had forgotten about me, so I reminded him that I was the one who used to be Kenya Airways, the chairperson of Aviation Union. He told me, "Of course *Nyar Nyatanga*, I know. *Okegi magufuli ratego kurt mang'o*". I told him I am in politics and I do business. I was in Kenya Airways but because of activism and trade unionism, I was fired. I thought he would sympathize, but he told me, "good, you are doing good". In a nutshell, Jakom loved my strength and my zeal. I loved him back because I believed I drew all my strengths from him.

When I first came into the Assembly, I became the chairperson of Education committee. I like being chair. After one year, I went to him again and told him what is happening in the Nairobi City County Assembly. It was just a report that I wrote and we had lunch with him, the two of us, in his board room at Capital Hill. He liked *osuga*, brown ugali and *samaki*. There were other meals. When I went for the beef, he told me not take it, instead I take *osuga* as it is good for me. I Thank God for the life of Jakom. God knows why he was there in our lives. Some of us look at it as very short but God has a reason.

My last Tiktok video, the one that went viral, we were dancing with him. I told, “you are everywhere but you are not on Tiktok.” He said, “bring the Tiktok.” So, we did a video and we danced. He was so jovial. We jigged. May you rest in eternal peace, Jakom. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndung’u.

Hon. Joseph Ndung’u: Thank you, Hon Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise to pay tribute to a great son of the soil, the son of Kenya and the son of Africa, His Excellency Rt Hon Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga, who to me was a beacon of courage, resilience and change. The Rt Hon shall be remembered by many for different reasons, but I will remember the great son of Jaramogi for his fight for the current Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which gave the son of a peasant job as a Hon Member of this Assembly.

With a career spanning decades, Raila Odinga has left an indelible mark on Kenyan politics. His leadership has been characterized by a deep understanding of people’s needs, and was always committed to address them. He believed in inclusivity and empowering the marginalized communities, and that is the reason we have a Teso as the Majority Leader in this County Assembly, and nominated Members of ODM party who come from communities that did not support him politically.

Baba will be remembered for many reasons, as I have said, including but not limited to leadership and politics, advocacy for democracy, great champion of the common mwananchi, constitutional reforms, economic empowerments, and intellectual diplomacy. One thing I will fondly remember the son of Jaramogi, His Excellency Raila Amolo Odinga with, is that he gave me a job, he gave my brother, Hon Hamisi Maleya a retirement fallback plan, he gave my brother, Hon Gerald Irungu and I a chance to emerge as leaders emanating from Ziواني/Kariokor, Jua kali, also known as Nyayo shades or Makaburini. We also have Hon Jeckoniah, who also used to panel beat and spray paint vehicles, before he became a Hon Member of this House.

My very sincere and heartfelt condolences to every member of Jaramogi’s family and all Orange Democratic Movement members that we work with. May the good Lord rest the soul of His Excellence Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga in eternal peace. Jowi! Jowi! Jowi! Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon Rex? Kindly proceed.

Hon. Rex Omolleh: Thank you, Hon Speaker. With a heavy heart, I rise hear to condole my party leader, my father, the person who made me be respected in the society of today, as I lost my biological father when I was young. On behalf of my family and on behalf of the people of Nairobi West Ward, I sincerely send my sincere condolence to the family of Baba and the people who he has fought with for Kenyans, who cannot have this opportunity to condole in public the way we have the opportunity to do so.

A lot has been said about Baba, but I choose to eulogize him in a different way. I would want give a notice of Motion tomorrow in the Assembly on how we can remember him forever, by putting a monument for Baba. The words we are saying here in the Assembly are going to be forgotten one day, but if we manage to put a monument and follow the procedure of putting a monument for His Excellency the Rt Hon Raila Amolo Odinga, maybe either at the Uhuru Park or

at the National Assembly, we won't forget. I will urge the same be considered in all the forty-seven counties to thank Baba for bringing devolution. I wouldn't want to say much, but I would want to urge you to accept my Motion tomorrow so that we can pass it in the House. It will also help us continue eulogizing him as Members contribute to that Motion.

With those few remarks, may Baba rest in peace. We will love you forever and ever. Jowi! Jowi! Jowi! Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Kindly proceed with your notice of motion tomorrow, Hon Rex, it is granted.

MOTION

EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Speaker: Hon Leader of Majority?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Based on your communication, you allowed each Member to speak for five minutes. Looking at the time, I wish to move a Motion of extension of time, under Standing Order No. 33 (4), until the conclusion of business for this day.

I ask Hon. Deonysias to second me on the same.

Hon. Deonysias Mwangi: Thsnk you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Leader of Majority. Making reference on the Standing Order No. 33 (4), as you have mentioned, in regards to hours of meeting: -

“(4) A Motion under paragraph (3)(a) shall be moved at least thirty minutes before the time appointed for adjournment.

(5) If at the time appointed for the interruption of business, a division is in progress, or a question is being put from the Chair and a division results immediately thereon, such interruption shall be deferred until after the declaration of the numbers and the result of the division.”

That is the Standing Order you have quoted, Hon. Majority Leader. What is clear is your seeking for the extension of hours of business, which I would request the House to consider by way of proposing the question. Hon Members may I call the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon Speaker, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Lets proceed, Hon Malyun.

Hon. Malyun Abdi: Thank you, Hon Speaker... *(Technical hitch)*. I think also I am being sabotaged by one way or the other because I will be the next Women Representative for Mandera County.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to send my deepest condolences to Her Excellency Mama Ida Odinga, also known as *Min Piny*, the daughters, Ruth Odinga and Winnie Odinga, Raila Junior, and the entire Odinga family.

Hon. Speaker, we as the Muslim community have been given the privilege where a muslim hijab woman can no longer be in the menu but on the table when critical decisions of the city are being made. As the Muslim community, we say, *Kullu Nafsin Zaikatul Maut*, which means every soul shall indeed taste death. Indeed, it was the saddest moment for the entire country, especially for a young girl who felt like a second-class citizen in her country, Kenya. I am a bit emotional, Hon. Speaker. He held my hand and put me in this red carpet so that I am no longer in the menu but on the table when critical decisions of this great city are being made.

Hon. Speaker, His Excellency Raila Amollo Odinga had been an advocate for the inclusion of muslims in governance and public service, particularly from the marginalized groups such as Coast and Northern Kenya. Under his leadership and influence, many muslim professionals were appointed to key positions, reflecting his commitment to equality and representation. Hon. Speaker, I want to send my deepest condolences to the entire county saying, may his soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Absalom

Hon. Absalom Onyango: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa hii nafasi. Sitakuwa na mambo mengi. *His Excellency* Raila Amollo Odinga alinitoa kwenye *streets* na leo mimi ni Mheshimiwa, *courtesy of him*. Kwa kifo cha Baba, nitasema hivi; kuna jambo ilinisikitisha sana. Wakati Raila Odinga alikuwa *anacampaign*, aliongelea mambo ya Babacare – kummanisha mambo ya matibabu. Lakini kitu ambacho kinanisikitisha zaidi, Bwana Spika, ni video ambayo ilikua *in circulation* kwamba Baba amewekwa kwa Mahindra, anapelekwa hospitali inakaa Mama Lucy Hospital. Ilinikasirisha, na ninataka niseme hapa leo. Hakuna haja watu kusema wanaenda India na bado wanakufa. Kama Mungu wangu atakua ako India nikiwa mgonjwa, basi tafadhali msinipeleke, kwa sababu mtu anafika pale, unatolewa kwa Mahindra na madakitari wako *slow*. Kwa hivyo mimi nitakaposhikwa na ugonjwa yoyote, kama ni India sitaada.

I want to appeal to His Excellency William Ruto alete matibabu Kenya ndio tusitoke kuenda India, na hakuna matibabu inayofanyika. Raila Odinga alishukishwa kwa Mahindra na wale madaktari wanajifanya hawajui yeye ni nani. Hilo jambo iliniuma sana. Naomba serikali ya Kenya tutengenezewe hospitali hapa Kenya ndio tupate matibabu.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Anthony Kimemia.

Hon. Anthony Kimemia: Shukrani sana, Bwana Spika kwa fursa hii ambayo umenipa adimu na muhimu ya kumzungumzia baba wa taifa, Baba Raila Amollo Odinga, ili nitoe rambirambi zangu kwa niaba yangu, familia yangu na jamii nzima ya Harambee Ward. Kwa kifupi, niseme pole zangu kwa mama Ida na familia yake nzima.

Bwana Spika, nilianza siasa mwaka wa 2007 katika chama cha ODM. Wakati huo nilipojiunga na chama hicho, ilikua vigumu sana kwangu kuwa katika chama hicho kwa sababu ya kabila ambalo nimepewa kama jamii ya Mlima Kenya. Huko nilipata majina tofauti, nikaitwa Jarabuon, kijana wa *murima*, lakini wakati uchaguzi ulifanywa nilipata vigumu kupata nafasi. Baba wa taifa, Raila Odinga, alisimama kidete na mimi na kusema mshindi wa *nominations* ndiye atakayepewa. Kwa hii ningetaka kumpatia shukrani nyingi kwa kunipa nafasi ya kusimama na watu wangu wa Harambee.

Kwa mafupi, nasema kuwa ninasimama kuuunga mkono hoja ya heshima kwa hayati Raila Amolo Odinga. Tumemuona kama mwana siasa lakini hapa tunamkumbuka kama mfadhili mkuu wa taifa letu. Raila hakupata uhuru wetu kwa mzungumzo rahisi, aliipata kwa bei ghali. Miaka mingi ya upweke gerezani mbali na familia yake, miaka aliyoitumikia ilikua ada ya uhuru ya kikatiba tunauona leo. Yeye ni mfano hai kwamba demokrasia haina bei rahisi. Wengi walimuita Agwambo, kitendawili, lakini siri yake ilikua uwezo wa kuweka masilahi ya taifa mbele ya matamania yake kibinafsi. Baada ya migogoro mkubwa, yeye alifanya maridhiano, si kwa ajili yake bali kwa ajili ya kufunga mlango kwa vita nchini Kenya. Alikuwa kifaa chetu cha kunyonya au kupunguza mshtuko wa kisiasa. Leo tunamuomboleza, si tu kiongozi, bali mtu aliyechagua amani. Tunamshukuru kwa ujasiri na udhabihu wake. Namuunga mkono mwana wa Africa, Baba. Ahsante, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi uliyonipa. *Rest in Peace*, Baba.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Akama.

Hon. Jared Akama: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. We lost the Rt Hon a few days ago but we will miss him for a longtime. We will miss his presence, that reassuring voice and happy ending we had wished for him. Hon. Speaker, I want to specifically thank the Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga for loving this country and remind you that he was a Member of Parliament from where I come from; Langata Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, through the spirit of Raila Amollo Odinga, a lot has been achieved in this country, and today in this particular House, I want to urge us to stand firmly on what he stood for in his honor. Hon. Speaker, for instance multiparty democracy in this country was achieved through the effort and sacrifices Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga made. Therefore, I want to urge the ODM party, because it is the platform through which he championed for democracy. I am happy that my Leader, Hon. Jateso is in the House. I believe that through him, he will continue echoing what we stand for in terms of protecting the party Jakom so ably created.

Hon. Speaker, in that spirit, I believe that through devolution, a lot has been done. I wonder how the Northern part of this country would be without him. Hon. Raila never had the opportunity to run this country, but through his spirit and efforts, devolution has made an impact in our country. Therefore, this is something I believe as children of devolution, we must continue to protect with our blood, sweat in his honor.

Hon. Speaker, the spirit of Pan Africanism, apart from Raila Amolo Odinga, Museveni and PLO Lumumba are some of the champions of Pan Africanism today. I want to believe that this spirit will continue living in us.

This year, I accompanied Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with the hopes that we were to come back with the chairmanship. One of the reasons why I was looking forward to him taking over chairmanship is because I also wanted to honor the spirit of my good friend, the late Mohamed Abdelaziz who was the Secretary General of Polisario Front, who fought for the liberation of Western Sahara. As friends of Western Sahara, we had hoped that with the chairmanship of Jakom, we will be able to liberate African countries. Hon. Speaker, freedom is one of the things Hon. Raila Odinga stood for because he believed that freedom is a gift from God and the hope of every human heart because it brings development.

Hon. Speaker, with those few remarks, fare thee well, Hon. Jakom, our party leader and mentor. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you are very much aware that in the House, we have the relative to Raila Amollo Odinga by blood, the Hon. Amy Ambala Odinga.

Hon. Ami Ambala: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We are struggling. I do not know how to eulogise a man who I don't believe is dead. It is very difficult for me to come to terms with that, and I think for the larger family, as we try to go through grief and counselling. I have known him since birth because my uncle was this larger than life figure and he loved my mom so much and saved her from my father. If he had not gotten her to Zimbabwe, then she probably would be dead. Even when he kidnapped us and took us to Zimbabwe, he is the one who was there trying to get custody of us because my father flew to Zimbabwe immediately to come get us back. I remember waving goodbye to them at the court house screaming and crying so much because I wanted to stay with my mum, but the court in Zimbabwe said that my father had to have us back as he was an assistant minister in Government. His power was quite overwhelming at that time and there were issues with the Odinga family. He managed to bring us back to Kenya, and we went to see my mother again. The next time I managed to see anyone from the Odinga family was when my grandmother passed away. My grandmother had not seen us because my dad had kept us away from them completely.

Anyway, aside from that, when we finally moved to Zimbabwe, my uncle visited regularly and everytime he visited, he would come to our house, we cook a meal and share. His eulogy is more of a personal remembrance of him because the politician is not the person we know. That is a completely different person even though we know that coming from a political family, we are always going to have politics.

When he would come visit to see us, he would ask me to take him shopping, and come with mama Ida. When I moved back to Kenya, I would do campaigns for him. My uncle did not believe in awarding mediocrity, even within the family. Believe me, there is no way I would be in this House if he did not believe I was capable. He was not a person who gave handouts to us, we worked for everything. We were not allowed to go to him and say we want this or that.

He fought for democracy, he championed gender rights and equality, and there will never be another man like that. Rest in peace *Babawa*. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Joyce Lugonzo, kindly use the adjacent microphone

Hon. Joyce Lugonzo: *Mr. Speaker*, mimi ni mmoja wa waliohuzunika zaidi wakati nilipigiwa simu na *my incoming member of Mathare Member of Parliament*, eti baba hayuko. Nilisikia ni kama sijaona kifo nyingine. Ni ukweli Baba alikua *spirit* kwa sababu kila wakati nilikua namuona, nilikua natetemeka na kulia bila sababu. Nimehuzunika zaidi na sijui kama hicho kitu kitanitoka. Niliapa na Baba mara ya kwanza kwa hii Assembly na bado naendelea kuapa kwamba, mimi kama Joyce Lugonzo, nitazidi kua *loyal* kwa chama changu nikipendacho cha ODM na sitarudi nyuma hata kidogo.

Baba umeeda na sisi tumebaki. Naomba vile ulituacha kwa *broadbased*, nitaendelea kuwa hapo hadi 2027, wakati utanipatia *signal* mahali pengine ambapo nitaenda. Ningeomba *leadership*

yote ambayo iko katika hii *County Assembly*, tumshukuru Rais Samoei Ruto kwa yale alitendea Baba. Alitendewa ya ajabu ambayo hata Jaramogi ambaye alikua *Deputy* hakuwahi kuzikwa vile baba yangu amezikwa. Baba, lala salama. *Thank you.*

Hon. Speaker: Member representing Parklands, Mheshimiwa Tash. I have eight requests, from Hon. Hellen, Musango, Millie, Benta, Maurice Ochieng, Emmy Isalambo, Collins Omondi and Gitau. To speak in that order

Hon. Stephen Ndegwa: Hon. Speaker, thank you for this moment. The man in front of this House is non other than Hon. Stephen Gitau Ndegwa, member for County Assembly representing Parklands/High Ridge Ward.

Today, I honor a man who was more than a leader but a father figure to me. To many, he was a political figure but to me he was a father. Raila Amollo Odinga was my party leader, a political figure, a guidance but to me, he was a friend. Baba Raila Odinga believed in me. We knew that he was always right and he believed in me.

Raila Amollo Odinga is a great man who will be remembered in the whole world of his selflessness. Baba himself is love, this is the love he gave this country and that is why he is being remembered to date. Baba loved me, he loved our community and believed in them. Baba believed in me despite during the 2022 general elections, Parklands/Highridge Ward was zoned as not having have a candidate in ODM. Despite all the agreements they had with Jubilee, he made Tash to stand with an ODM ticket in Parklands. That is something that people did not see but it happened. People told baba that we would lose those seats, but he said that he did not care even if I lose because he believed in me and my leadership.

Baba, I had a dream of you in a barber shop in Karen or wherever where people will come be serviced while learning stories about you. I will ask the leadership to help me make the dream come true. I believe in you our party leader, Hon. Jateso, and I will be a happy man if I see that. Baba, you will remain in my heart forever. Rest in peace.

Hon. Speaker: The next speaker, I had read out the names in sequence on how it appears in my screen.

Hon. Hellen Okello: Ahsante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia fursa hii. Ninasimama kuunga mkono hoja hii kwa heshima ya kipekee tunapomkumbuka hayati Raila Amollo Odinga, si kama mwanasiasa bali kama shujaa wa kihistoria na mfanyikazi wa siasa za Kenya. Alama yake kuu inabaki kuwa ujasiri na amani.

Bwana Spika, unaweza kumbuka wakati wa 2007 ambapo baada ya uchaguzi, Kenya ilikua inachomeka. Baba alijali Wakenya na kusema kuwa Kenya ni kubwa kushinda binafsi. Pia, Bwana Spika, unakumbuka wakati ambapo Baba alinyoosha mkono – *handshake*- wakati taifa letu lilipasuliwa na utata na virugu. Raila alinyosha mkono kwa wapinzani wake. *Handshake* si kitendo cha udhaifu bali ni kile cha ukakamavu wa kisiasa. Kilitufunza kuwa taifa ni muhimu kuliko ndoto ya Rais. Kila mpango wa amani nchini ilikua na saina ya Baba.

La pili, kuhusu maoni ya bara, yaani Pan-Africanism kwa lughya ya kimombo, kupitia jukumu lake katika umoja wa Afrika, alitangaza maoni yake kutoka Cairo hadi Capetown. Zaidi

ya ndoto na msingi wa umoja wa kiuchumi, alikua mwana Pan-Africanism aliyetaka Afrika ijisimamie.

Tatu, tunamjua kama Agwambo, Tinga, Nyundo, mimi kwangu ni baba. Namkumbuka mara ya kwanza nilipokutana na yeye. Tulikua pale Makueni na nilipelekwa na rafiki yake mmoja ambaye anaitwa Dr. Gumbao. Baba alikua mcheshi na mwenye utani. Alijitolea na kupitia shida mingi kwa sababu ya Kenya. Haikuwa kwa sababu ya ubinafsi lakini alifanya Kenya iwe na sauti ili tuweze kuongea bila kuogopa.

Bwana Spika, natuma rambirambi kwa Mama Ida na watoto wake na pia nataka kuwashukuru kwa kuruhusu Baba kupigania Kenya. Bwana Spika, tumempoteza Baba na tumewachwa kama yatima. Napenda pia kutuma pole zangu kwa *leadership* yetu ya hapa ukiwa mstari wa mbele, Bwana Spika, Kiongozi wa Wengi, na *Whip*, bila kusahau *Chairman wa Budget*. Nakumbuka wakati tulikua tunaenda maandamano wakati moja na *Majority Leader*, Jateso na *Whip*, tukitoka Lavington kuielekea Kawangware, karibu tupigwe risasi kwa sababu ya kuwa kwa maandamano. Hiyo ni kujitolea kuwa mstari wa mbele. Hawakujali maisha yao bali walitaka kumpatia Baba support ambayo alikuwa anahitaji. Ukiongea na Kiongozi wa Wengi, Jateso Imwato, atakuambia tungekutana na risasi ya pili lakini Mungu alikuwa mwaminifu kwetu.

Hon. Speaker: Time out.

Hon. Hellen Okello: Ahsante sana, Bwana Spika. Baba, tulikupenda na ulitupenda pia. Lala salama.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mark Thiga.

Hon. Mark Thiga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance to pay tribute to the Rt Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, whose name and legacy are deeply intertwined with Kenya's struggle for democracy, fight for the marginalized and the birth of devolution. Raila Amollo Odinga devoted his life to public service. He came from a family steeped in Kenya's independence history yet he made his own path not just as a politician but as an advocate for the underrepresented, the poor and the voiceless. He believed that the power of the state should reach the grassroots and not just the capital.

One of his most lasting legacy is his role in the establishment and strengthening of devolved governance in Kenya. The Council of Governors described him as the father and defender of devolution. He helped anchor the 2010 Constitution as the key milestone for the devolved governance and human rights in Kenya, ensuring that power, resources and decision making will not remain concentrated in Nairobi but would touch all counties. Across decades, he persistently stood for those on the margins, communities neglected, regions under resourced, citizens whose voices went unheard. His speeches, campaigns, his public life emphasized justice, equality and inclusive growth. As one colleague said, I will remember Raila as a fearless defender of the people, a voice of the voiceless. He did not shy away from calling out shortcomings in the Government, poor governance, exclusion, inequality. He insisted that the promises of democracy be made real for all Kenyans.

In his way, he emerged as a conscience for the nation because he deeply believed that justice and equality are foundations to Kenya's future, we have to honor him. He fought so that

institutions, not just individuals deliver for many, we have to honor him. Because he believed, with sacrifices that such struggles demand, we have to honor him. Because he showed that leadership is sometimes about service and less about power, we have to honor him.

In honoring Right Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, we don't merely announce that we will remember him. We should ask ourselves what we will do with the space he has left behind. Will we ensure that devolution continues to deliver for all counties and especially those that have been long left behind? Will we uphold the voices of the marginalized, the poor and the overlooked? Will we treat governance and public service as a trust and not just as an office? Will we hold ourselves accountable as he held others to account? Let his example be our guide that the interest of the country, the many, the weak, the poor comes before the interest of the few. That democracy is not only about elections but about fearness, right participation and that true leadership is service and not simply office. Rest in Peace, Baba.

Hon. Speaker: The next speaker, Mheshimiwa Benter.

Hon. Benter Obiero: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to my boss, Right Hon Raila Amollo Odinga. Today, we honour the life and legacy of Baba Raila Odinga. a stalwart leader, statesman, and champion of democracy. His tireless efforts to promote peace, justice and equality will forever be remembered. His tireless advocacy for the rights and welfare of the Kenyan people will never be forgotten. I stand here today as a Member of the County Assembly because of Baba. Forever you will remain to be my hero. Continue resting in peace. *Nind gikwe wuod Nyalego.*

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Musango?

Hon. Musango Maithya: Thank you, Mr Speaker for giving me this time to contribute my tributes to His Excellency Raila Amollo Odinga. I will not repeat what my colleagues have said. I will try to be unique. It is true that Baba fought for democracy, devolution and the freedom we have in this country. I have known Baba for many a long time when he worked with His Excellency Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka. Baba always consulted with my party leader, and I have been proud of that. Also, I exist here because of Baba. During the campaigns of 2022, Baba came to a church in my ward, ATG church belonging to Apostle Musili. Hon. Speaker, you know very well because you one time served that ward. At that time, Baba found I had branded him... *(technical hitch)*

Hon. Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms, kindly assist. Use the adjacent one.

Hon. Musango Maithya: Mr. Speaker, I was saying, during the campaigns of 2022, Baba came to my ward at Apostle Musili's ATG Church, and he found that I had branded him very well with Hon Martha Karua. He was happy with me and he raised my hand, and that is how I was elected.

I was very much impressed when my party leader took 100 cows, and Mama Ida, the wife of the late former Prime Minister, was very welcoming. Mama shed tears when he saw my party leader, His Excellency Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka. She indicated that when she saw Kalonzo, she remembered her husband because Kalonzo was the real friend of her husband.

I assure my colleagues in Azimio that we will reach Canaan, because in our family, when the father is not there, the mother takes care of the family. I am not saying my party leader is the mother, but we will reach Canaan because he is there and he will take that business to the end. Rest in peace, Baba.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon Emmy Isalambo, then Maurice Ochieng’.

Hon. Emmy Isalambo: Thank you, Hon Speaker, for giving me this chance. I don't have much to say because most has been said. Mine is only to say while, Baba, your body is gone, but your spirit will remain in us forever. We as people of ODM will always live to cherish and honour your legacy that you left behind. I must confess and admit that most of us haven't even come to the terms that Baba has gone. Most of us thought Baba will resurrect, but since God loved him, we just have to accept and say, let the will of God be manifested.

Hon. Speaker, it is because of Baba that I am here. He believed in us. We were given this opportunity to lead and make sure that Nairobi is in good hands. I pray to the family of Raila Amolo Odinga, his children, relatives, friends, and mostly his beloved darling wife. I will be there to look after Mama, especially when she is in need of massage or any other treatment in regards to anatomy and reflexology.

We used to respond to Raila by saying, ‘*Ndiyo Baba.*’ When we were in Bondo, we vowed that whenever we will be called, we will be saying, ‘*Ndiyo Mama.*’ Any time Mama calls upon us, especially people of Nairobi, because the heart of Odinga's family is manifested in Nairobi, we will never let her down. We know you have a reflection of Baba. Whenever we look at your face, plus your family, we will always reflect Baba in you.

With that, I want to say that Baba was there to lead us to Canaan, but his spirit will guide us. When Mama Ida Odinga calls us we will say, ‘*Ndiyo Mama.*’ May the perpetual light shine upon Baba's heart and let the angels take care of his spirit. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Health.

Hon. Maurice Onyango: Hon Speaker, today we are gathered in a deep sorrow and profound reflection to mourn the passing of great son of the nation, our departed leader, the Right Hon Raila Amolo Odinga. He was more than a political figure; he was a symbol of resilience, a pillar of justice, and a beacon of hope for millions. He believed in leadership that placed the people at the heart of the governance, leadership that listened, that served, and that stood firm for what was right. Throughout his life, Raila Odinga embodied the spirit of sovereign leadership. He fought relentlessly for equality, equity and justice.

His vision for Kenya was anchored in inclusivity and fairness, values enshrined in the Article 10 of our Constitution, which he was so passionate to uphold. His commitment to devolution, under Article 176, ensured that power and opportunities reach every corner of this nation. Truly, he was an epitome of good governance and a statesman of apparent status.

I was privileged to serve during his time, a period that shaped my own understanding of what it means to lead with courage, compassion, and conviction in my moment of need. He stood by me. In 2017, when I won the seat of Mountain View at Gracious Hotel, I was taken for a tribunal, but Raila stood by me. He only made one phone call to the IEBC, and my name was

inserted in the IEBC list. I still remember that. I stand today embodied of the values and the leadership quality that he instilled in all of us.

Hon Members, as we mourn this loss, let us also celebrate his indelible legacy. Let us commit ourselves to continue his work, to be champions of equity and justice, to serve our people with humility, and to remember always that the maximum of equality is equity, and to serve is right. Rest well, Jakom. Your light will continue to guide this nation. Your vision will live in every act of justice, every vision of truth, and every step towards a more united Kenya. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Collins Ogenga, then the last one is Mheshimiwa Kamau Thuo. We still have other Members. I have seen I have seen the representative of Jakom, the Member for Karen Ward.

Hon. Collins Ogenga: Thank you, Hon Speaker. We gather today to pay a tribute to a titan of Kenyan politics, the late Right Hon Raila Amolo Odinga, a steward champion of democracy, justice, and human rights. Baba left a mark on our nation's history, from grassroots to national politics. His unwavering commitment to ideals of democracy, equity, social justice, inspired generations of Kenyans. As a leader, he was known for his humility, compassion, and unwavering dedication to welfare of the people. Hon Speaker, I remember his pivotal role in shaping Kenya's political landscape, from advocating for constitutional reforms to promoting national unity and cohesion. His legacy continues to inspire leaders and citizens alike.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family, to my sister, Mama Ida, friends, and the entire ODM nation. May his soul rest in peace. May his legacy continue to guide us towards a more just and prosperous society. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I indicated Hon Fiunifiu as the last.

Hon. Hannah Muriuki: Asante sana, Spika kwa kunipea hii nafasi. Kwanza natoa rambi rambi zangu na familia yangu pamoja na *estate* ambayo inaitwa Canaan, ambayo Baba alisimama na sisi katika ujenzi. Nataka kurudisha shukrani kwa Baba. Nimefanya kazi na yeye kuanzia mwaka wa 2004 nikiwa hapo Lang'ata, Nyayo High Rise. Alikuwa mtu wa kwanza kuchagua mahali ujenzi ya *affordable housing* ambao hivi sasa inatembea Kenya mzima. Ilianzia kwetu hapo Nyayo Highrise. Wakati wa ujenzi, Baba alituita kama wafuasi wake na akasema tusimame na yeye katika huo mradi wakati alikuwa *Prime Minister*. Hapo niliweza kuchaguliwa kama *vice chairlady* wa *Settlement Executive Committee* ya hizo nyumba. Nilikuwa namletea Baba kila jambo ambayo ilikuwa inaendelea katika hiyo ujenzi, Pia, nilikuwa namjulisha mpaka *bargaining* ya hapo *Kenya Slum Upgrading* vile tutalipa hiyo *mortgage* na kuuziwa hizo nyumba. Hakika Baba alisimama na sisi hadi tukafaulu. Saa hii tunapoongea, tuko katika hiyo *estate*.

Baba alisema hiyo estate tuitafutie jina. Kwa sababu alikuwa anasema mkiamishwa mtapelekwa Misri. Mkitoka huko mrudi Canaan. Na ilitendeka, saa hii tumerudi Canaan. Tulipewa nyumba mia nane ishirini na mbili. Wakaaji wote ambao wanakaa pale pia wametuma rambi rambi zao sana kwa Baba. Kama si Baba, hawangeishi katika nyumba ya mawe. Walikuwa wanaishi katika vibanda, Hizo nyumba ndio zimeleta jina 'Nyayo Highrise.' Kila mtu amekubali ukweli ya kwamba unaweza tolewa kwa kibanda na ukae kwa nyumba nzuri, na ni kwa sababu ya Baba.

Nataka pia kushukuru Baba kwa kunipatia hii fursa ya kufika katika hili Bunge. Mimi sikujua kama kuna siku nitaweza kuitwa mheshimiwa. Ni kwa sababu yake mimi nimeitwa mheshimiwa. Mimi sina mengi ya kusema ila kushukuru Baba. Ninasema sitawacha chama; nitasimama na chama cha ODM. Saa hii mimi ndio ODM *Chairlady* Lang'ata, na sitawacha mpaka wakati wangu wa kifo. Mungu amlaze mahali pema peponi. Asante.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Agnes Njeri.

Hon. Agnes Njeri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This evening, I stand here to eulogize the man who God used to give me an opportunity to serve in this Assembly. Baba, you chose not to look at my tribe. I will forever be grateful. His Excellency Raila Amolo Odinga was more than just a name in our history, he was a voice for the voiceless, a symbol of courage, and a tireless champion for democracy, justice, and equality. Baba stood for what was right, even when the price was high. He inspired millions, young and old, to believe that freedom is not given, it is earned. Baba, your struggle was not in vain. May you rest in peace.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Anthony Maragu.

Hon. Anthony Maragu: Thank you so much, Hon Speaker, for the opportunity. The man I stand here to pay tribute to, my party leader, the late His Excellency Right Hon Raila Amolo Odinga, saw in me a potential. I remember when I first met him as a practicing professional, a skinny boy from a small village in Nyeri, at the Jaramogi Odinga Foundation. Out of his busy schedule, he gave me an opportunity to tell him what my aspirations were. When I mentioned where I am from, he had many things to say about the great people of Nyeri, and he blessed my course. For that reason, I am in this House.

Hon Speaker, we mourn the passing of a giant on whose shoulders we stand. We called him Baba for a reason, and even as we mourn, we must continuously ask ourselves, what would Baba say if he saw us today? What would Baba want us to do? Baba was a Christian, as I am. In the good book, when a time came for Jesus Christ to leave, it was a bit hard for his disciples to agree, but he told them that for the Holy Spirit to come, and so that they may continue impacting on many lives and preaching the Gospel, he had to depart. Christ was limited in a particular region, but the coming of the Holy Spirit meant that the Gospel that we profess even here in Kenya was able to get here. What am I saying, Hon Speaker? We called him Baba, meaning he has left behind an offspring in his biological children and in many of us.

If the events of last year, the Gen Z protests, are anything to go by, then we have people who are going to monitor and ensure that justice prevails, and democracy and devolution is preserved. With that spirit of Raila Amolo Odinga, he has left many of us. Many have said that there is no one equal to fill his shoes. Here is my proposal, Hon Speaker, that all these small feet that we have as the offspring, batch together and ensure that we fill the void that he has left to stand with the common mwananchi. Long live the spirit of Raila Amolo Odinga. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Kamau Thuo.

Hon. Kamau Fiunifiu: Thank you, Hon Speaker, and I thank God for this opportunity that we are in another session in this Assembly. Allow me to also join my colleagues here and the rest

of Kenyans in celebrating the life of the late, His Excellency Raila Odinga. Mine will be very brief, Hon Speaker, I would want to echo the statements that have been shared here by Members.

I would want to dwell on Baba because of his credentials for the fight of human rights, and more because of his fight for multiparty. If you look at his history where he started elective politics in 1992 through Ford, and thereafter through Ford Kenya, and when Ford Kenya was not viable for Baba, he did the honourable thing and resigned from being a member of parliament through Ford Kenya and formed his party, the National Development Party (Tinga). I remember very well because then I was a young boy, now I am a big boy.

Hon. Speaker, in 1997, before Baba relocated to Karen, he used to live in Runda. Because my late father was a campaigner of Baba, we used to go to his place to partake very good ugali. So, Hon Speaker, the point here is that Baba was faithful to multi-party. Even when NDP could not work, Baba went to Liberal Democratic Party, and through it, there was that cooperation with KANU.

In 2002, we saw the rise of the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC), because of Baba. And in 2005 when the rainbow coalition was no longer viable, Baba formed a formidable party; a party that I think is the most organised party. Of course, Jubilee is the largest party in terms of members, but I find ODM is a very vibrant party that has strong grassroots networks. So, to the members of ODM, Baba has left a legacy, and I hope you can continue embracing the spirit of multi-party and make ODM even more formidable party as the way we know it as a national party. Do not allow people who would want to confine Orange Democratic Party to a regional party or a tribal party.

Hon Speaker, I see Baba as a trailblazer. Even if he was the son of Jaramogi, he is someone who found his own path in politics. We have also had sons of very prominent Kenyans here who have not gone to politics or business, but Baba is someone even the Gen Z, the young millennials, people who are in business, people who are in academia, people who are in politics, can see and learn something from Baba.

Hon Speaker, with those few remarks, I say, for those who fight for human rights, it is not time to sleep, it is time to wake up and fight for human rights, fight for devolution, and also fight for multi-party. We must be proactive citizens. The office of citizenry is an everyday citizen, whether you are a politician or not, that is a permanent office, as long as you are a Kenyan. Aluta continua.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon Members, that brings us to the close of business of the day. But as you may be aware, in the sequence of business, under Order No. 8 and 9, being report of committees, I direct it to be deferred to the House Business Committee for consideration and allocation of business at appropriate time.

At the rise of the Assembly, as normally the tradition, we will not be able to conduct House Business meeting. For that reason, I direct the Office of the Clerk to organize a hybrid meeting at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Speaker's Office.

Hon Members, you so stand guided.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you and have a peaceful evening.

The House rose at 5:53 p.m.