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[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon Hon. Members.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
DEMISE OF HON. JOSEPH KALUNDE

Hon. Speaker: I have a communication for this session number 1 of 2017 dated today in the matter of the demise of the Hon. Joseph Kalunde. Hon. Members, as you are aware, the morning of Monday, 13th February, 2017 was a sad day for the County Assembly of Machakos as we lost one of our colleagues, Hon. Joseph Kalunde, Member for Mutituni/Ngelani Ward.

Fondly known by his moniker 'Babu,' the Member was one of the most respected members of the House owing to his experience and most notably, his correct use of phonetics. The Speaker has many times invited Hon. Kalunde to intervene in emotive situations as an elder.

Born in 1942 in Mutituni, Hon. Kalunde took his elementary education in Machakos before proceeding to Uganda for his secondary education. Upon completion of his educational stint in Uganda, the member went to Israel between 1964 and 1968 where he undertook studies in motor engineering with specialization in agricultural equipment.

After obtaining a degree, Hon. Kalunde returned home and was employed in the Ministry of Agriculture and deployed to Solio in Nakuru but only worked for three years before resigning. He was then hired by Lonrho East Africa where he worked for 16 years and then joined Motormart where he worked as a branch manager in Mombasa and Kitale.

He retired in 1985 but returned to employment, this time at Hughes, and was deployed in Kisumu between 1987 and 1990. Hon. Kalunde ventured into public transport and was the vice-chairman of the Matatu Welfare Association before making his debut in politics in 2003. His swift mastery and grasp of parliamentary business ensured that his contributions were keenly followed by all. His contributions were insightful and tremendously enriching to the matters under debate.

The late Hon. Kalunde was the chairperson of the watchdog committee of County Public Accounts and Investments and also played an active role in the committees of Transport, Delegated Legislation, Culture and Tourism and the Liaison committee.

On behalf of all the Members of the County Assembly and the County Assembly staff and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to take this opportunity to condole with the family of the late Hon. Kalunde, the people of Mutituni/Ngelani ward and all his friends for the loss of this great leader at this trying time. As the County Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this sorrowful period. In tribute to our departed colleague, I request that we all stand to observe a minute of silence.

(Hon. Members observed a moment of silence)

Hon. Speaker: May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.

All Members: Amen.

Hon. Speaker: I will now invite a few Members to eulogize our departed colleague and I will request the Leader of Majority to open the floor under Standing Order 37 (2) where you are permitted to alter the sequence of business. Proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, first and foremost allow me to greet the Hon Members this being the first day of the fifth session of the first Assembly of Machakos County. Happy New Year Members....thank you, happy New Year too.

Mr. Speaker, allow me and I will not be plagiarizing your speech but I want to condole with the family, the people of Mutituni, the people of Machakos County and the Members of Assembly in remembering. I want to condole with them Mr. Speaker, for losing this great leader. Mr. Speaker, when we were elected as Member of this County Assembly, we have lived very well with the Hon. Member and Members should bear with me that the Hon Member, the late Hon. Kalunde, was very eloquent in his contributions. For instance Mr. Speaker, I will live to remember the day he tabled the motion on the impeachment of the Deputy Governor of this County, Mr. Speaker. That was his first motion to table on the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kalunde who was popularly known as “*babu*” by Hon Members, will be remembered for giving Hon. Members nicknames and categorizing them according to the wards or the sub counties they came from. Just naming a few Mr. Speaker, he used to call the Hon. Member for Kithimani and Hon. Member for Ndithini Bushmen and Mr. Speaker I do apologize for that...

(Applause)

...but Mr. Speaker as I had said, he had given us names and I just wanted to give these two examples. Members from other (sub) counties Mr. Speaker also had names but in this particular

one, for the two Members Mr. Speaker, he used to say they come from the bush and they have the loudest voice when you come to this Assembly. He used to tell Hon. Mayor, that is the Chief Whip, “Mayor remember that we come from the headquarters of the County but we have given authority to bushmen,” and Members are bearing with me.

Mr. Speaker, now that the Hon. Member has left us, we have to bear the loss and join the family and Members I would urge that, let us have a committee of this Hon. House other than the other committees which will be out there and try to give “*babu*” a good sendoff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The next opportunity will go to the Minority Leader

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, I stand here to send my heartfelt condolences to the family of Joseph Kalunde and the people of Mutituni. Mr. Speaker, Joseph was my close friend, he used to sit near me, he used to be my Chairman for County Public Accounts and Investments Committee; I also condole with the Members of that committee, Mr. Speaker. I ask all Members at this juncture, from now we join hands together so that we can pray for the family.

Mr. Speaker, we remember very well the life of Joseph and how we have stayed with him. As the Leader of Majority has said, we had a Board meeting this morning and we said we are going to form a committee so that we can help the family in terms of the funeral arrangement and other things. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Members after the session, we remain behind so that we can elect the committee so that we can sit down and make special arrangements for the sendoff. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Members, let us hear Hon. Nganga

Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity accorded. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to personally and on behalf of the people of Ikombe send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Hon. Joseph. Mr. Speaker, when I was elected to this House, among the very first Members of this House that I met was Hon. Kalunde together with Hon. Cecilia, Hon. Chief Whip and Hon. Mwonga. With my team from Yatta Mr. Speaker, we met in the Golf Club of Machakos Town and it is when we started having conversations and getting to know one another because we had not gotten acquainted to one other.

Mr. Speaker, I got to know Joseph as a man of wisdom, a bright man who was properly learned, a man who was thoroughly exposed across the world, a man who had lived his life to the fullest. I would like to say Mr. Speaker, out of my interactions with my colleagues, I do not know one Member that I would equate to have had the life that Hon. Kalunde had lived.

Mr. Speaker, when we wanted to know about the history of agricultural revolution in Kenya and Uganda, Hon. Kalunde came in handy; when we wanted to know the history of the Israelites

and their behaviours and the country of Israel, Hon. Kalunde had a lot to say. Mr. Speaker, when it came to the history of the KANU politics, the politics of when he was the Deputy Mayor of this town Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kalunde had stories of important wisdom to give.

Mr. Speaker, I will say that he was a personal friend, Hon. Kalunde was a fair man; he was fair in criticism, fair in support and fair in rejection of things that he considered wrong. He is a man who has achieved a lot in his life that most of us would wish to have had the opportunity to achieve in their own life. He was somebody that we could learn a lot from and at this time Mr. Speaker, as you will realize, he used to be a man of wisdom even in debates and when everything was boiling, Hon. Kalunde would come in and provide some sense of stability out of his many years of experience in politics.

Mr. Speaker, to end my statement I will say, his leaving us at this very critical stage of our session, underlines one very one important aspect of our being in this institution, that we are simply mere mortals, Mr. Speaker. In all that we do, we will not be defined by how loud we will shout or how wayward we will act but Mr. Speaker, out of the good deeds that we shall leave around.

Mr. Speaker, a man as they say, is defined by his acts while he was on earth, not on what they owned as their property or the people they bear, but Mr. Speaker, the life of every man is about the many hearts that they positively touch while they are around. I believe each and every one of us has had their unique experience with the Hon. Member for Ngelani and Mr. Speaker, we shall stand to greatly miss him in this House and in our lives. Mr. Speaker, with those many remarks, I say that may God rest His soul in eternal peace. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I want to hear Hon. Veronica

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the House at large. I am deeply perturbed by what has happened but the Bible says that it is written that at one appointed time we shall all die and those who are lucky to see the second coming of Jesus Christ are the only ones who will be transformed, so it is a transition from this life to another life.

We have not lost him, he has just gone to be with the Lord. My personal condolences to the family and the ward of Ngelani and I would also want to say that Hon. Kalunde was a very friendly man, he was full of jokes, I used to call him “Kalu” and he used to call me “Kalu” and everyone was wondering where Kalu comes from and what is Kalu but he was a good friend of mine and I will really miss him.

I remember when we used to go for trips and when I am around he would want me to assist him in all the things he wants done for example like carrying the luggage he would say, “you Kalu carry my bag,” and all that. I will really deeply miss him but we always say that may his soul rest in peace because it is the will of God. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Now I open the floor for more contributors. I have seen Hon. Mutuku, one, Hon. Dominic at the back, Hon. Nzoka, Hon. Mueni, Hon. Chair of Agriculture, Hon. Nduva....Let us begin with Hon. Mutuku.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me the opportunity. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Decentralized committee, the committee of the PAC where the late was the Chairman and also on the behalf of the *Akitondo* clan, I would like to say, we are sending condolences to the family and to the close friends to the family, the neighbors and also as you are aware Kalunde was also a well-known business man, we also say sorry. I would like to say, the late Hon. Kalunde was my personal friend, we did so many things together and what I can request in this Hon. House, we try as much as we can to give our colleague a heroic sendoff.

We really shared with him so many things; even during deliberations, he used to be a source of advice to each and every Hon. Member and as my colleagues have said, during the time when the heat was high or when the debate was very emotive, he was there to offer guidance and advice. With those few remarks and being a mourning period, I would like we try as much as a House we see whether we can actually visit the home of our colleague to condole the family as a team. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, I wish to take this opportunity first to greet the Members “happy new year 2017!” Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day for this Assembly as we convene for the last year and the last session of this Assembly Mr. Speaker, with this sad and down moment when we have lost one of our great leaders, Hon. Kalunde. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when I got the news at around mid-day, the first person I contacted was the Majority Whip to confirm and indeed I found that the information which I had was true and somehow Mr. Speaker, it was quite disturbing because I was driving and I had to stop along the road and try to think about it.

Mr. Speaker, I think the old man as we used to call him “babu” Mr. Speaker, has left this House, has left these Members as a friend, as a father, as a grandfather, as a leader, as a man full of wisdom because Mr. Speaker, I can say that I am privileged to say that when I was in standard three, by then Kalunde was serving as the area Councilor from the area where I came from. He was a man who was a great friend to my dad, that was the year around 1983/1984 when that man was still a Councilor and Mr. Speaker, I remember when this old man used to come then to meet the electorate there and supplied a quarter kilogram of sugar, he used to come and convene his meetings at my parents’ home, so, I have known this man for long, Mr. Speaker.

As my predecessor, when he took over the Chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee, we exchanged roles in terms of age; he became the young man and I became the old man and that has been the trend until he left as at yesterday. Anytime we used to meet, he used to call me, “yes how are you doing old man” and I would respond “yes young man, I am doing well.”

Mr. Speaker, this is a man who has left this House as the second Member of this Assembly in our period. It is quite sad, we lost a Member even before a year was gone and now some few months towards the end of the Assembly, we have lost another great man. It is a great indebt to this Assembly; it is a great indebt to the people of Mutituni/Ngelani Ward.

Actually, Hon. Kalunde remains and has been my area Member of County Assembly where I was born and brought up, Mutituni/Ngelani Ward. As instincts at times might direct Mr. Speaker,

on Sunday I happened to travel home and my dad was quite concerned about Hon. Kalunde, I do not know what it was all about, and we had a lengthy discussion with my dad because he was a true friend to my dad but in less than 24 hours Mr. Speaker, the old man had left. I think we were together in spirit and the best thing I can say Hon. Members, as the old man would have wished to see a unified, strong Assembly be at the end of this session, let us pray that all he wished, good for this Assembly, for the people of Mutituni and the people of Machakos County, remains as it is.

The best way we can do to this departed soul of our brother and our father and our grandfather is to let him go; I schooled with his grandsons and granddaughters and it has been really a challenging moment since yesterday, Mr. Speaker. So, the best thing we can do is to let this old man go and rest in peace and as an Assembly beyond any affiliation in terms of political affiliation, in such a matter, let us forget our political differences and be unified. Death is a must for everybody. We cannot politicize this matter in any way.

I wish to urge those who will be given the opportunity to serve in that committee, to serve it with dedication, with utmost faith and give themselves out to make the best out of this Assembly. I believe the sendoff will be more colorful if all the Hon. Members of this Assembly can be present to ensure that our brother is well sent off and I am sure Mr. Speaker, with your assistance and guidance and with the Board's assistance and guidance, we will be able to send this old man to rest in the best way. All I can say may his soul rest in peace; in our hearts he remains, though departed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Ngui: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to take this opportunity to pass my heartfelt condolences to the family of Hon. Joseph Kalunde, to the people of Mutituni, members of this County Assembly and the people of Machakos County at large. Hon. Kalunde can only be described as a brave, wise and courageous man who did not mince his words. He would stand with the truth and would give the best advice for the benefit of the people of Machakos. We have lost as a county; even the Government of Machakos County has lost because we learnt yesterday from the Governor's message that Hon. Kalunde was one of his advisors. So, the Government of Machakos has lost and we have lost as an Assembly.

All we can say is that, let his Soul rest in peace. If death were like other cases that we face in the Assembly or in our real life, I would have been the first person to rush to the Court of Appeal to appeal that we live with Kalunde maybe to the end of this term, but because it is God's will, we cannot appeal. We say that may his soul rest in eternal peace we shall meet you again *babu*. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes?

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I take this opportunity to join my colleague in just saying *pole*....condolences to the family. I am aggrieved because he is my seatmate, now you

can see it is vacant. He was the most senior and I think now the House has Hon. Kamitu as the second senior. So, Hon. Kalunde---

Hon. Speaker: So, what do you suggest Hon. Nzoka?

(Laughter)

Hon. Nzoka: I am saying Hon. Kamitu in age he was second---

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Nzoka: When I was talking to Hon. Kalunde, he would call me “*mzee mwenzangu*” and that is how we were calling each other. In fact I have lost because I have been with him and I expected to start the Assembly again with him and now God has done that and we always say that God does not do wrong.

So, let us release Hon. Kalunde. Hon. Kalunde was a friend of a certain *mzee* in my area who happens to be my friend. There is a time when we were going to bury the young man who we buried at Ndithini, somewhere there. He passed there and for those who were accompanying Hon. Kalunde, I prepared lunch and he told me, this *mzee* you seeing here is the owner of the place. He was a young boy and I just called that *mzee*, he talked to the Late Hon. Kalunde and he told me “that man is older than me” while I thought he was the oldest.

So, let us appreciate what Hon. Kalunde has contributed in this House, which he did very well. He has been representing his people and so we say *pole* to the family and as the Speaker has given the condolences on our behalf, let us join hands with him and I request Mr. Speaker that you allow us, that is, the committee preparing for the send-off, that we gang up together and we show a good picture to Hon. Kalunde's family. Thank you very much. I say *pole* and go well Hon. Kalunde.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Mueni

Hon. (Ms.) B. Mueni: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I join others to say *pole*. I was personally affected by that because I have known Hon. Kalunde for more than 30 years when he was the Chairman for all the Catholic Diocese of Machakos and even I say *pole* for our Speaker because I know he was a close friend of yours and he was also your advisor, I think.

Members we have to be friends apart from being members of this Assembly because some things are deep in our hearts and being in this Assembly does not mean we be enemies. We sometimes go beyond being members of this Assembly. Some things go beyond and even I know the wife, I know she is suffering so we can go there and say *pole*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, as I pass my personal condolences and also on behalf of people of Ndithini to the family of Hon. Kalunde and also the people of Mutituni, Machakos Sub County and also Machakos County, Mr. Speaker, even you can bear me witness that we have a sorrowful mood in this House. Hon Kalunde was friendly to every member in this House and he loved telling jokes and also had nicknames for almost every member in this House, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kalunde was experienced in life. He used to call me we sit together, advise me widely telling me the scenarios of leadership, Mr. Speaker and also he had formulas and calculations of how to win the electorates. Mr. Speaker, I can remember before we left for recess, Hon. Kalunde promised me he will make sure that in 2017 if it is God's will, he will be back by 10:00 a.m. and that word was giving me energy telling me if you try to stay with your electorates wisely, automatically they will keep on supporting me and also making me, with time, to be a great man.

Mr. Speaker, even Mr. Kalunde was a member of this quorum, our quorum in the House, and before the Assembly Mr. Speaker, he was always creating jokes before we started the Assembly with Hon. Mueni and because I was also very close to them he used to create a jovial mood which made me feel comfortable. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I feel I have lost and I witness that every member feels that Kalunde was playing a great role in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear the last person. We had allocated time, so let us hear the last person.

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, I would like to pass my condolences to the family of the late Hon. Kalunde, the people of Mutituni and Hon. Members of this Hon. House. Mr. Speaker, I will not say much because a lot has been said about the departed Hon. Member. Mr. Speaker, Kalunde was a friend to many, Kalunde was a person who used to make jokes with everybody and there is no time you would see Kalunde annoyed or having annoyed anybody so Mr. Speaker, this House has lost an important man who used to advice all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank God because last week, I talked to Kalunde when he was leaving the hospital. We were somewhere and somebody called him and we had prepared to go and visit him in the hospital and he told us he had been released, later to learn yesterday that he has passed on.

Mr. Speaker, we understand that death is one of the stages that are there in one's life. When you are born, this is one of the stages; it is not one of the happy moments but we all know that once you are born, one day you will leave this world. What we need to have is courage, we pray for the members of the family and friends so that they can have courage during these trying moments.

Mr. Speaker, as you have heard from the Majority Leader, Kalunde used to call me a bush man and I also used to call him that but he himself never referred himself as a bush man. He used to refer me as a bush man referring to where we have come from. Mr. Speaker, before devolution, people from Yattah and Masinga were not know whether they belong to this Machakos and I think Kalunde having being one of the old men of this area, he had that belief that somebody like myself

and other colleagues from Masinga and Yatta, could not have placed themselves where we are and he used to tell Hon. Timothy Kilonzo, 'how comes bushmen have come all the way from Yatta and Masinga and they are the persons who have voices in this Assembly,' Mr. Speaker.

We have lost somebody who used to make us happy and Mr. Speaker, we pray the Almighty God will rest his soul in peace.

Hon. Speaker: Let us now take another batch: Hon. Chair for Finance, Kamitu, Pastor Ndeto, the chairman, Legal, the chair, Health and then we will hear the Whip and then Hon. Katela and we agree that is the last batch. Proceed.

Hon. Nzeki: Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to send my condolences to the family of Hon. Joseph Kalunde, people of Ngelani/Mutituni and Machakos County Assembly. I personally knew Kalunde before we came here; when he was a councilor we used to meet and Mr. Speaker, he was a man of great wisdom. In this assembly, in fact Hon Kalunde was a money lender. He used to lend money to every member in this Assembly; he was so generous that whenever you find that your pockets are empty, you go to Hon. Kalunde, you get something for the weekend. Mr. Speaker, sir, people of Ngelani/Mutituni have lost a great leader and so have I. He was a neighbour and we used to talk more about our areas.

Personally, we used to call each other Kalu. Kalu came from a teacher who was left at Mt. Elgon because he had diarrhoea. He was left there at night and when we came, because we were in Primary School, when we came to our school, the wife and the kids of the teacher started saying that they need their teacher and I understand Kalunde by then was a grown up and when we came here there was a time he had such an instance and I called him Kalu because he had a problem.

I think he ate a lot and there was something with him in the stomach so whenever I was around him he used to call him Kalu and my friend here Hon. Veronica caught in because she was the one who was carrying the bag of Hon. Kalunde so I give condolences to my friend here Hon. Veronica. We are few who are taken care of; now we have Kamitu who is around, you can be carrying the bag.

So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and people of Mutituni I give my condolences, my family's condolences and Mua people's condolences. Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear briefly from Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here as a person who has in fact lost a brother. The Hon. Members here on a very sincere note Mr. Speaker, are very much aware of the closeness that I had with the late Hon. Joseph Kalunde and Mr. Speaker, what we have heard from many members I quote in Kikamba I used to call him "mukuua" that is my elder brother, and it is on this sincere note Mr. Speaker, in most cases we used to stand with the late Hon. Joseph Kalunde and give advice to our younger Hon. Members. If there is anybody in this House who feels that he has been aggrieved, it is me, Mr. Speaker.

I was very close to Joseph and in most cases we used to walk together with Mayor and you remember Mr. Speaker, if you do not remember let me remind you Mr. Speaker, Sir, with a lot of honour that during debate, when we had some problems or some divisions in the House, all of us, both the majority and minority, we were called by Kalunde and given advise and it is on this note Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand feeling very aggrieved by us being left by my elder brother and it is on behalf of people of Tala ward, this Hon. House and through your honor Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand and say *pole kwa wote* and may the Almighty rest our Hon. brother's soul in peace. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Ndeto.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity as we convey our word of *pole* to our colleague and our brother. I just want to read a verse from the book of Ecclesiastes 7:1-5 and it says, "a good name is better than fine perfume and the day of death better than the day of birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.

Frustration is better than laughter because a sad face is good for the heart; the heart of the wise is in the house of the mourning but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. It is better to eat the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the songs of fools. May the Lord rest his life in eternal peace? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry. You are through? Okay.

Hon. Itumo: Mr. Speaker, I take this great chance to send a word of condolences to the family of Hon. Joseph Kalunde who was a big friend of mine and I would like to say that whenever we would go on safari somewhere, I used to assist him in carrying his luggage, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to quote one Chinua Achebe edition, "Okwonkwo was well known throughout the nine villages and even beyond. As a young man, he had achieved honour by throwing Amalinze the cat. Amalinze was a great wrestler whose back could not touch the ground. It is this man who Okonkwo threw in what the old men agreed was a fierce battle."

Hon. Kalunde was a great man; he was Okwonkwo of this House, Mr. Speaker. If you go to Kalunde, then Kalunde would be even better than you. If you go to the other side of the coin, then you will face it, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you remember sometimes when I was crippled financially, I came to you then you called Mr. Kalunde. When you convinced him to give me some amount of money, in fact you allowed me to convince him and I told him I had turned a new leaf Mr. Speaker, and he agreed to give me that kind of money, Mr. Speaker, if you remember---

Hon. Speaker: I hope you made it good.

Hon. Itumo: I have a lot to say for that Hon. Member and may God rest his soul in eternal life. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I assume you heard my question? You made it good?

Hon. Itumo: I will come to your office, Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. (Ms.) Sereka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to give my condolences to the people of Mutituni and the family of Kalunde and say *pole* to all those who were friends to Kalunde. I know many of us were friends to Kalunde. I also want to say one or two things, Kalunde was a very brave man and things were even bad he could say all is well. Even when he was sick and you could see he is seriously sick, he could tell you 'I am okay.'

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to take this opportunity to ask the members who are here who might have been given money by Kalunde, because I can see many of them are here, and one of our members just confessed he is one of them, just to see you and pay the money or see the family. Please do not keep quiet; it is important because *mzee* had a very good heart and he could give to the last cent.

Mr. Speaker, today I had an opportunity to visit his home and Mr. Speaker, the love I found there between the mother and the children it was what Kalunde was. Sometimes when death comes, the families are divided but when I went there with other members, I was so shocked there was a lot of love between the mother and the children. Mr. Speaker, mine is just to ask the Hon. Members and the people of goodwill to pray for the family. Support the family because this is the time they need you most. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief because much has been said. I want to join my colleagues to condole with the family of Hon. Kalunde, pass my condolences from members of Muthetheni ward and Machakos County at large and confess here that the Catholic members, we have lost our chairman. He was our chairman for the Catholic elected and nominated members of this county and we will have to sit and do something about it. To sum it up Mr. Speaker, this Assembly has lost a father figure in Hon. Kalunde, so may his soul rest in peace.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear the Chief Whip.

Hon. T. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to take this opportunity to console the family of Hon. Kalunde. Kalunde was my friend and on Sunday we talked much. Actually he lost my number and he called other members to tell me to call him, so I called him and we talked in the morning, we talked during lunch hour and even talked around 4.00 p.m. and around 8.00 in the evening and Kalunde could not show that he was sick. We talked much and we agreed that we shall go on Monday, which is yesterday, me, the Hon. Majority and Hon. Cecilia to see him. Unfortunately, he died in the morning.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say we have lost a great man, not just in this Assembly, but in Machakos County, and Machakos Town in particular. Hon. Kalunde was one who I can say was a cheerful giver. The man you could not waste a lot of time borrowing money from. If he understands your problem, Kalunde would give. I know most of us did not pay him and I know you are happy that you are not known that you had borrowed from him, but if you are gentleman enough, even if you do not pay the whole amount, try to pay some.

Mr. Speaker, this is one man who could wear, I think Hon. Dominic knows that, Hon. Dominic is a man who wears suits here. Hon. Kalunde could wear a suit of Ksh. 70,000 and that is why he was calling some of the Hon. Members from the bush who wear suits of Ksh. 2500, Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

That is why he was calling them bush men. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I want to say we have lost a man who was an example to the other members. He was also respected by the people in the town and respected also by the Governor of Machakos so he was a man that we cannot play around with. Mr. Speaker, what I was requesting these Members is to just sit after this so we can try to see on how we can give him a good send off. Let us contribute as he was doing to other members. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I was considering that as the last Speaker, Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Kalunde lending money to some members, what I am getting is that the wife has a list so it would be very embarrassing for some members for the wife to start chasing around Hon. Members so it is good you pay up so that you can avoid that embarrassment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, thank you for those remarkable words for the departed. This is what we can do as those who have remained; that we honour him in this moment. It is my view then, that the balance of the day be dedicated to Hon. Kalunde and that Members, as requested by Hon. Minority Leader, who will chair the *ad hoc* committee, do remain and make decisions towards the burial and that the balance of the business of the day will be pushed to tomorrow morning. I hope the House is in agreement with me.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: I urge that you remain so that you can make decisions and communicate them to us. The House will now adjourn.

The House rose at 3.31 p.m.