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ON

**RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
CONFERRED STATE HONOURS AND RETIREMENT OF A LONG-
SERVING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE**

Honourable Members,

1. As you are all aware, the offices that we hold as leaders in this Republic, including the office of Members of Parliament, are held in trust on behalf of the people of Kenya.
2. Indeed, part of the recital in our own prayer, states that we, the elected leaders in this House, always commit **to treat and consider all matters that shall come under our deliberation in so just and faithful a manner as to promote the honour and Glory of God, and to advance the peace, prosperity, and welfare of our Country and of those whose interests have been committed to our charge.**
3. **Honourable Members,** in recognition of Members' commitment to live up to the philosophy of our prayer when serving the nation, the Parliamentary Honours Advisory Committee has been regularly making recommendations to the President regarding Members of this House who ought to be conferred honours, in accordance with Article 132(4)(c) of the Constitution.

4. The Parliamentary Honours Advisory Committee, which I co-chair with the Speaker of the Senate, is a statutory body. It is composed of Members drawn from both Houses of Parliament and the Parliamentary Service Commission. The Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending nominees from Parliament, as one of the arms of the national Government, to be awarded national honours.
5. To this end, **Honourable Members**, the Committee, in 2024, recommended some Members of Parliament and staff for the award of national honours. This was done through a rigorous consideration, including seeking the views or objections of the public on the proposed nominees, and taking them into consideration in determining the final list of nominees.
6. In this regard, I wish to inform the House that several Members of this House were conferred State honours by His Excellency the President during the 61st *Jamhuri* Day Celebrations, held on 12th December 2024, in recognition of their distinguished service to the nation in various capacities.
7. Top on the list of honorees is the **Hon. Junet Sheikh Nuh Mohamed, CBS, MP, Leader of the Minority Party**, who was conferred the **Elder of the Golden Heart (EGH)**. Alongside him are the following Members, who were awarded the **Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS)**—
 - (i) The Hon. Faith Gitau, CBS, MP;
 - (ii) The Hon. Patrick Makau, EBS, CBS, MP;
 - (iii) The Hon. Mohamed Ali, HSC, CBS, MP;
 - (iv) The Hon. Raphael Wanjala, CBS, MP;
 - (v) The Hon. Kangogo Bowen, CBS, MP;
 - (vi) The Hon. (Eng.) Vincent Musyoka, CBS, MP;
 - (vii) The Hon. Kimani Kuria , CBS, MP;

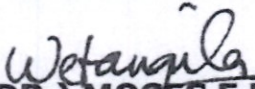
- (viii) The Hon. Haika Mizighi, CBS, MP;
- (ix) The Hon. Abdi Shurie, CBS, MP;
- (x) The Hon. Yussuf Haji, CBS, MP;
- (xi) The Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo, CBS, MP;
- (xii) The Hon. George Kariuki, CBS, MP;
- (xiii) The Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga, CBS, MP;
- (xiv) The Hon. John Kiarie, CBS, MP;
- (xv) The Hon. Nelson Koech, CBS, MP;
- (xvi) The Hon. Peter Lochakapong, CBS, MP;
- (xvii) The Hon. Stephen Karani, CBS, MP;
- (xviii) The Hon. Eric Muchangi, CBS, MP;
- (xix) The Hon. Nelson Wamboka, CBS, MP;
- (xx) The Hon. Fatuma Zainabu, CBS, MP.
- (xxi) The Hon. Rose Museo, CBS, MP;
- (xxii) The Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu, CBS, MP;
- (xxiii) The Hon. Janet Sitienei, CBS, MP;
- (xxiv) The Hon. Tom Joseph Kajwang', CBS, MP; and,
- (xxv) The Hon. Johnson Naicca, CBS, MP

8. Honourable Members, You will note that the Members conferred state commendations are Members of the Parliamentary Service Commission, Chairpersons of Committees, and other ranking Members who served for more than three terms. In making recommendations, the Committee considered other factors, including longevity of service in Parliament and performance during the just concluded 14th EAC Inter-Parliamentary Games, whose agenda is about regional integration. I do note that many Members would desire to be part of this list, but slots are ordinarily very limited.

9. I urge the House to take a moment to congratulate them for earning this well-deserved state recognition.
10. **Honourable Members**, among those also conferred with State honours were **nine (9) members of staff**. Please allow me, on your behalf, to recognize one of them, **Ms. Anne Wambui Njoroge**, the immediate former **Director of Hansard and Audio Services**, who is seated in the Hansard Box, just below the Speaker's Gallery. **Ms. Njoroge**, retired from parliamentary service last week on Friday, 7th February 2025, after thirty-three (33) years of distinguished parliamentary service.
11. **Honourable Members**, Ms. Njoroge joined Parliament in 1991, during the 6th Parliament, at the level of Hansard Reporter II in the National Assembly after a one-year stint as a teacher at Kwale High School, having graduated from Kenyatta University. She has, therefore, served **eight Parliaments**, being the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and the current 13th House.
12. As a career Hansard Reporter, she committed her life to the production of precise records of plenary proceedings and committee sessions in the form of **Hansard Reports**. She steadily rose through the ranks of Hansard Reporter I, Assistant Hansard Editor, Senior Assistant Hansard Editor, and Deputy Hansard Editor and ultimately ascended to the apex position of Director, Hansard and Audio Services.
13. Her notable milestones include the restructuring of Hansard and Audio services for better service delivery, the formulation of policies that have improved the processes of production of the Hansard Reports, and the ongoing project of digitizing production of the Hansard.

14. Indeed, in recognition of the stellar service rendered by **Ms. Anne Njoroge** to Parliament and the nation, the Parliamentary Honours Advisory Committee recommended her to His Excellency the President, who awarded her the **Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW)** in December 2023.
15. **Honourable Members**, her presence today in the Hansard Box is of great importance, and we thank her for her thirty-three years of service and diligence in overseeing the production of the Hansard Report of our proceedings as the Director, Hansard and Audio Services.
16. On behalf of the National Assembly, the Parliamentary Service Commission, and, indeed, on my own behalf, I wish to thank **Ms. Anne Wambui Njoroge, OGW**, for the more than three decades of her dedication to the service of the Parliament of Kenya and indeed to the Republic of Kenya. We congratulate and wish you well in the next phase of life in retirement.

I thank you!


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 11th February 2025