

# MOTION ON THE PASSING ON OF THE MULTIPLE AWARD-WINNING POET AND SINGER DR JESSICA MBANGENI

### The African National Congress moves without notice: That the House

- 1) notes with deep sadness the passing on of the multiple award-winning praise poet and singer Dr Bishop Jessica Mbangeni, also known as an "Imbongi" in isiXhosa on Saturday 31 August 2024 after a short illness;
- 2) acknowledges that she was renowned for her powerful poetic skills, which she showcased at prestigious ceremonies across the country such as in the 46664 concerts of the late former president Nelson Mandela in Cape Town and former president Thabo Mbeki's inauguration in 1999;
- 3) understands that Mbangeni discovered her talent for praise poetry at the age of 22 and later joined the Soweto Gospel Choir in 2002, which allowed her to tour different parts of the world, including North America, Scotland, New Zealand, and Germany;
- 4) remembers her as a heroine and ambassador of African culture and heritage; and
- 5) conveys its deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Dr Mbangeni.



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## MOTION CONGRATULATING BAYANDA WALAZA ON WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS AT THE WORLD ATHLETICS U20 CHAMPONSHIPS IN PERU

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- congratulates South Africa's teenage sprint sensation Bayanda Walaza on winning a golden double at the 2024 World Athletics U20 Championships in Lima, Peru, on Friday 30 August 2024;
- 2) notes that the 18 -year-old Walaza, who is in Grade 12, blew away his competitors in the 200m in the early hours of Saturday morning to win with a time of 20.52;
- 3) understands that the 200m gold came a couple of days after he won the gold in the 100m;
- 4) remembers that this comes a month after Walaza formed part of South Africa's medal-winning 4X 100m team at the Paris Olympics in France;
- 5) acknowledges that Walaza also became the first man since Christian Malcolm of Great Britain to win the 100m and 200m titles at the championships; and
- 6) commends Bayanda Walaza for lifting the country's flag high.



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# MOTION ON THE PASSING OF THE FORMER ESKOM CHAIRPERSON AND MTN CEO SIFISO DABENGWA

- 1) notes with shock and sadness the passing on of Former Eskom chairperson and MTN CEO Raymond Sifiso Dabengwa due to illness on Sunday, 1 September 2024.
- 2) acknowledges that Dabengwa was a titan in the telecommunications industry and an astute businessman;
- recognizes that his tenure as CEO of MTN Group from 2011 to 2015 was marked by visionary leadership, integrity, and dedication that drove significant advancements in the industry;
- 4) remembers him as an advocate for education and a fervent believer in the power of technology to transform lives; and
- 5) conveys its deepest condolences to the Dabengwa family and colleagues in the telecommunication industry.



# MOTION ON BAY MATHS TEACHER IN RUNNING FOR NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

- 1) acknowledges that Ndzondelelo High School maths teacher Vuyolwethu Qweqwe has done it again, claiming the coveted title of the Eastern Province's best mathematics teacher at the provincial competition held at the East London International Convention Centre last week;
- 2) further acknowledges that the maths and science teacher recently scooped the MEC's award for extra and co-curricular activities in 2023 after playing a pivotal role in uplifting the pupils and staff at the Zwide school;
- 3) remembers that Qweqwe started extra classes for pupils, managed to secure a full bursary last year for one of the pupils to attend Rhodes University and bagged R100,000 for the school and R10,000 for himself after winning the Ukhozi FM Back to School competition earlier in 2023;
- 4) understands that while he may be the head of department for mathematics, he is better known for having a heart of gold for always taking care of needy learners; and
- 5) congratulates Mr Qweqwe on his award, thanks him for his dedication and commitment and wishes him well when he competes in the upcoming National Teacher Awards for Excellence.



#### MOTION ON TOURISM MONTH

- 1) notes that Tourism Month is celebrated annually in September to promote domestic travel, showcase the country's diverse tourism offerings, and to highlight the sector's significant contribution to the South African economy;
- 2) further notes that the theme for Tourism Month this year is "Tourism and Peace 30 years of connecting People to Places and Cultures";
- 3) believes that Tourism Month festivities are held throughout the country to highlight the plethora of tourism offerings in our nine provinces;
- 4) understands that World Tourism Day (WTD) is celebrated globally on 27 September as declared by UN Tourism and the day affords the global tourism community an opportunity to reflect and commemorate its milestones in relation to the fulfilment of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs; and
- 5) invites all South Africans to participate in the month-long celebrations and to gain a better understanding of the affordable, exciting and world-class attractions that are available on our doorstep.



#### MOTION ON HERITAGE MONTH

- 1) notes that Heritage Month is celebrated annually in September and is celebrated to mark our nation's diverse culture and heritage;
- 2) further notes that the theme for Heritage Month this year is "Celebrating the lives of our heroes and heroines who laid down their lives for our freedom" and focuses on our selfless struggle heroes and heroines who sacrificed their lives for liberation";
- 3) believes that Heritage Month has created a conducive environment for all people to embrace and celebrate what was inherited or bequeathed to us by our forebears;
- 4) acknowledges that Heritage Day is celebrated on 24 September, an important day that recognises and celebrates the cultural wealth of our nation; and
- 5) calls on all South Africans to observe this Heritage Month with a view to fostering greater social cohesion, nation building and a shared national identity



### MOTION ON PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH

- 1) notes that September marks Public Service Month in South Africa which is an integrated strategic national event in the calendar of the Department of Public Service and Administration;
- 2) further notes that the theme this year is "A Government That Works for You";
- 3) understands that Public Service Month serves as a reminder of what it means to serve communities and the significance of quality service;
- 4) believes that this year also marks twenty-seven years since the adoption of the Batho Pele (Putting People First) Principles and the White Paper on Transforming Public Service Delivery; The
- 5) further believes that the Batho Pele principles were developed to improve service delivery within government sectors and to transform the public service into a citizen-oriented institution; and
- 6) calls on all public servants to lead by example, serving citizens with dignity, respect, and honesty.



### MOTION ON POLICE COMMEMORATION DAY

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- 1) notes that the National Police Commemoration Day is held on the first Sunday in September in memory of police officers who have died in the line of duty in past last twelve months.
- 2) further notes that the 2024 National Police Commemoration Day was commemorated at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, where a sombre SAPS annual Commemoration Day was hosted,
- 3) believes that the emotional ceremony paid tribute to the 39 officers who died in the line of duty between April 1 2023, and March 31 2024;
- 4) further believes that their names were engraved on the SAPS memorial wall, serving as a symbol of the nation's gratitude and respect for their selfless service;
- 5) acknowledges the courage and dedication the fallen police exhibited in the pursuit of justice and the protection of our communities,
- 6) calls on all law-abiding South Africans to renew their commitment to support the police officers who continue to serve the South African nation.