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PARLIAMENT MOURNS LATE HON. HELEN KUYEMBEH

The Parliament of Sierra Leone, on Thursday 30/10/2025, paid tributes, laid wreaths, opened and signed the book of condolence during the official lying-in-state ceremony for the late Hon. Helen Kuyembeh, former Member of Parliament representing Bo District.

Rev. Reginald Collier was the City Chaplain who offered prayers for the late Hon. Helen Kuyembeh.

Giving the purpose of declaration, the Director of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, told distinguished mourners and family members that Hon. Helen Kuyembeh was an eminent public servant, a legislator, activist, and a former Member of Parliament representing Bo District. He also underscored that the deceased was a good debater and a motherly figure.

In his tribute, the Majority and Leader of Government Business, Hon. Mathew Nyuma, said, death is an unavoidable encounter that everyone has to face. He described the late MP as someone who was committed to working for her people and promoting the interest of the State. "She served a purposeful and meaningful life," he said. Hon. Nyuma used the occasion to encourage leaders and politicians to be united in order to serve the interest of the country.

Hon. Bernadette Wuyatta Songa, the President of Parliamentary Female Caucus, was called upon by the Leader of Government Business to join him give tribute to the memories of the deceased. She said the deceased was passionate about gender affairs and protecting women and girls across the country. She added that Hon. Kuyembeh used to advised her many times to be a good president as the leader of the female caucus.

The Acting Leader of Opposition, Hon. Daniel Brima Koroma reflected on the positive days he spent with the late MP from 2012 to 2017. He told distinguished mourners that Hon. Kuyembeh was very receptive and loyal to the leadership when she was in Parliament. He said death has no respect for either age or wealth. He therefore encouraged colleague MPs and mourners to be mindful of their living on Earth. He admonished family members to remain calm and optimistic for God's everlasting blessing.

Mr. Henry Kuyembeh, the husband of the late MP, described the her late wife as someone who was a true helper and was good to the Kuyembeh family and beyond. He said the late MP created positive impact and lived an accomplished life on earth and that she fully devoted herself to the work of God.

Hon. Rosaline J.K. Smith, a former Member of Parliament and friend to the deceased, described the late MP as one who was committed to service delivery and also an excellent debater during her days in Parliament. "She was a woman of substance, I learnt a lot from her," she confessed. Hon. Rosaline added that the late MP represented Sierra Leone so many times and that she was highly respected across political parties.

The former Minority Leader, Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai recalled her earlier and everlasting friendship with the late MP, about 53 years, which started during school days at the Holy Rosary School in Pujehun District. She recalled a lot of good memories with the late MP during their school and university days. Hon. Dr. Lahai described the late MP as someone who was supportive, honest, and committed to her work.

Director Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Sheku Lamin Turay, who moderated the event, also highlighted the contributions which Hon. Helen Kuyembeh had made towards the development of the State.

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