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PARLIAMENT ACCORDS BEFITTING RESPECT TO THE LATE HON. MOININA CONTEH

In a befitting Lying-in-State ceremony in Parliament, the Leadership and Members of Parliament have on the Thursday, 16 /01/2025, accorded last respect to the late Hon. Moinina Conteh, former Member of Parliament representing of Kailahun District.

In his tribute on behalf of the Government, the Leader of Government Business Hon. Mathew S. Nyuma, described the late Hon. Moinima Conteh as a very good debater when they were in the Third Parliament especially when enforcing his position during his debate. “The Lord giveth and the Lord has taketh” the Leader of Government Business solemnly said. He called on the family of the late Hon. Conteh to accept God's decision, adding that the late man was selfless and astute in his leadership.

Hon. Nyuma added that the late Hon. Moinina Conteh was not just used to fighting for himself, but for the survival of his people. He concluded by wishing the late man a perpetual rest in Heaven.

The Leader of the opposition, Hon. Abdul Kargbo, also paid a solemn tribute to the late Hon. Conteh. He expressed mixed feelings, both happiness and sadness, as they celebrated the life of an individual who served the nation in various capacities. Hon. Abdul Kargbo described the late Hon. Conteh as a politician who knew no political or regional boundary.

He Commended the late Hon. Conteh for serving both political parties (SLPP & APC) noting that, APC and SLPP are Sierra Leonean parties. He referenced section 26 of the 1991 constitution which makes it very clear for freedom of association. “ So today we are here to salute him for the sacrifices he had made for our nation. May his soul rest in peace”, Hon. Abdul Kargbo mournfully concluded.

A representative of the family Babatude-Baba Lahai Conteh, said it is sad to mention Hon. Moinina Conteh without seeing the face of the man. He described the late Hon. Conteh as a veteran politician and a member of the SLPP who served as an opposition Member of Parliament from 2007-2012. He recalled that Hon. Conteh received several prestigious honors for his leadership to the nation. He wished the late Hon. Conteh an everlasting rest.

It could be recalled that the Late Hon. Moinina Conteh was born on the 15th of November 1937 in Ngeblama (now Madina), fourteen kilometers from Daru, in Jawie Chiefdom, Kailahun District. He was the second-born and only son of the union between Pa. Brima Kondomeh and Madam Fatmata Conteh. The other siblings are Mrs. Hawa Karmoh-Smith (deceased), Mamie Conteh, and a stepbrother Brima Kondomeh (Jr). His maternal grandparents were P.C. Baba Lahai Conteh and Madam Maama of Folu (from Serabu Ruling House), in Jawie Chiefdom. Hon. Moinina deviated from the religion of his parents and became a devout Christian, raised as a Methodist by the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Daru, and actively participated in church activities until the Good Lord called him home.

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