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OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday 21st March, 2018

The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 9.00 am.

[The Speaker (Hon. James Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)

Speaker: Hon. Members, quorum not having been recognized, I invoke the provisions of Article 35(1) of our Standing Orders and direct that the quorum bell be rung for an initial ten minutes, or until such a time, within the ten minutes, that quorum will have been achieved.

*(Quorum bell is rung for four minutes and quorum is achieved
as confirmed by the clerk at the table)*

Speaker: Very well, quorum having been achieved, we can now proceed with the business for this sitting.

First Order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Speaker: Hon. Members, I have a communication to make and a weighty one for that matter pertaining to the declaration of a vacancy in the office of a Member of the County Assembly of Nyandarua. The communication is in the following terms:

Vide a gazette notice Vol. CXIX -No. 124 which was published by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission on the 28th day of August 2017, the following members were elected members of Nyandarua County Assembly –

1. Hon. Margaret Wanjiru Ileri;
2. Hon. Geoffrey Ngaruiya Kariuki ;
3. Hon. Esther Wanjiku Muhoho; and

4. Hon. Joseph Kariuki Waithera.

The said members were elected pursuant to article 177(1) (c) of the Constitution , that is, members representing the marginalized, whose substantive details are prescribed under sections 34, 35, 36 and 37 of the Elections Act Cap 7 of the laws of Kenya.

The election of the four members was challenged at Chief Magistrates Court at Nyahururu through election petition number one (1) of 2017 *Monica Gathoni Githae & Another versus The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission & five (5) others*.

Upon hearing the petition, the court delivered its judgment on the 27th of February, 2018 and a consequent decree in the terms of the judgment was issued on the 2nd day of March 2018.

The decree was served upon my office by the petitioners on the 9th of March 2018 and is in the following terms –

1. **THAT** , I am quoting verbatim, Hon. Members, so when I say I, I am quoting the judge. I find that the party list submitted to the 1st Respondent (IEBC) by the 2nd respondent (Jubilee Party) for the proposed members for special seat published on 23.7.2017 in the Sunday Nation, did not comply with law hence the same is unlawful and therefore null and void.
2. **THAT** the gazette Notice No.Vol.CXIX -124 published by the 1st Respondent on 28th August 2017 nominating Margret Wanjiru Ileri , Geoffrey Ngaruiya Kariuki , Esther Wanjiku Muhoho and Joseph Kariuki Waithera as members of the County Assembly of Nyandarua was unlawful the same is declared invalid and an order for nullification of the gazette notice is hereby issued.
3. **THAT** the 1st respondent and the 2nd respondent are ordered to come up with a fresh list of nominees including the petitioners to represent the marginalized groups in strict compliance with Articles 90,97 and 177 of the Constitution, sections 34,35,36 and 37 of the Elections Act , and Regulations 54,55,56 and 57 of the Elections (General) Regulations.
4. **THAT** the 1st respondent and 2nd respondent, who are Jubilee and IEBC respectively, shall pay costs of this petition jointly and severally. Costs to be assessed but the same shall be capped at a maximum total of Ksh 750,000/
5. **THAT** a certificate of this petition do issue to the IEBC and the Speaker of Nyandarua County Assembly in accordance with Section 86 of the Elections Act.

Honourable Members,

Following the determination of the petition; pursuant to and in compliance with section 86(1) of the Elections Act Cap 7 of the laws of Kenya, on 9th March 2017 ,my office was served by the Petitioner's Advocate with a certificate of the court's determination and a decree thereof which is in the following terms-

The Speaker Nyandarua County Assembly
County Assembly Headquarters
Ol. Kalou

CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 86(1) OF THE ELECTIONS ACT 2011

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WHEREAS the nomination of Margaret Wanjiru Ileri, Geoffrey Ngaruiya Kariuki, Esther Wanjiku Muhoho and Joseph Kariuki Waithera as members of the Nyandarua County Assembly was challenged in Nyahururu Election Petition No.1 of 2017

AND WHEREAS the court heard the petition on 16th of February, 2018 and submissions on the 21/02/2018 and;

AFTER CONSIDERING the evidence and submissions, the court made the following findings-

- (a) THAT the Petition has been proved and is hereby allowed.
- (b) THAT , the party list submitted to the 1st Respondent (IEBC) by the 2nd respondent (Jubilee Party) for the proposed members for special seat published on 23rd of July,2017 in the Sunday Nation, did not comply with law hence the same is unlawful and therefore null and void.
- (c) THAT the gazette Notice No.Vol.CXIX -124 published by the 1st Respondent on 28th August 2017 nominating Margret Wanjiru Ileri , Geoffrey Ngaruiya Kariuki , Esther Wanjiku Muhoho and Joseph Kariuki Waithera as members of the County Assembly of Nyandarua was unlawful and the same is declared invalid and an order for nullification of the gazette notice is hereby issued.
- (d) THAT the 1st respondent and the 2nd respondent are ordered to come up with a fresh list of nominees including the petitioners to represent the marginalized groups in strict compliance with the law.
- (e) THAT the 1st respondent and 2nd respondent shall pay costs of this petition jointly and severally. Costs to be assessed but the same shall be capped at a maximum total of Ksh 750,000/

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Chief Magistrate Court this 28th of February, 2018 at Nyahururu.

ISSUED at Nyahururu this 6th day of March, 2018

Hon Members, on the 14th day of March ,2018, my office was again served with another court order emanating from the Nyahururu High Court through Election Appeal No.13 of 2018 which had been filed by *Margaret Wanjiru Ileri , Esther Wanjiku Muhoho & Joseph Kariuki Waithera versus Monica Gathoni Githae &4 (four) others .*

The order has the following direction amongst others –

2. THAT pending the hearing and determination of the this application, this honourable court be and is hereby pleased to stay the execution of the Decree and Judgment of 27th of February ,2018 delivered in Nyahururu CMCC Election Petition No.1 of 2017 and any consequential orders arising therefrom nullifying the election of the appellants/applicants and more specifically the communication from the Speaker , Nyandarua County Assembly declaring the seats held by the Appellants/Applicants vacant, Members, this order only applied to the three appellants who filed an appeal, that is Margaret Wanjiru Ileri , Esther Wanjiku Muhoho & Joseph Kariuki Waithera

Hon Members, Section 19(3) of the Elections Act states that whenever a vacancy occurs in a county assembly, the speaker of the County Assembly shall within twenty one days after the occurrence of the vacancy issue a notice to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission in the prescribed form. Upon the notice, consequential procedures ensue towards filling up the vacancy.

Accordingly and having considered all the developments arising since the determination of petition number one (1) of 2017 *Monica Gathoni Githae & Another versus The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission & five (5) others at Chief Magistrates Court at Nyahururu*, I make the following finding and declaration:-

- That a vacancy has arisen with respect to membership of the Nyandarua County Assembly currently held by Hon. Geoffrey Ngaruiya Kariuki

Accordingly and in compliance with section 19(3) of the Elections Act, I will accordingly notify the IEBC of the vacancy for their necessary action.

On the same breath the notification is hereby extended to this House and the vacancy being effective as per the law established aforesaid.

Next order.

PAPERS

RECOMMENDATION ON SHARING OF REVENUE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019 BY THE COMMISSION ON REVENUE ALLOCATION.

Speaker: Yes County Member from Kipipiri, and Deputy Majority Whip, Hon. Lucy Wangari Methu

Hon. Wangari Methu: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir; on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, I beg to table the Recommendation on sharing of revenue for financial year 2018/2019 by the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA). I table

Speaker: Very well, that paper is duly tabled and it goes to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations for processing. Chairperson, how much time do you require to bring a report to the House on the same?

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker, the Committee on Budget will require about two to three weeks. We are about to do our budget estimates and we hope will be able to process clear information on this one.

Speaker: It is important that we get the estimates so that we can know if we have been given our fair share according to the formula. We will give you one month so that before we break for the long recess in May, we can have that report.

Next order.

COUNTY GOVERNMENTS BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT BY THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET (FIRST QUARTER –FY 2017/2018)

Speaker: Yes County Member from Kipipiri, and deputy majority whip, Hon. Lucy Wangari Methu.

Hon. Wangari Methu: Thank you Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, I wish to table the County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report by the Controller of Budget (First Quarter –FY 2017/2018)

Speaker: Very well, the report is duly laid and I think the Committee on Budget and Appropriations can bring the report within that one month.

Speaker: Yes County Member from Kipipiri, and deputy majority whip, Hon. Lucy Wangari Methu

Hon. Wangari Methu: Thank you Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, I beg to table National Government budget implementation review report by the Controller of Budget (First Quarter –FY 2017/2018)

MOTION

VOTE OF COMMENDATION BE RECORDED AND CONVEYED TO H. E THE PRESIDENT, HON. UHURU KENYATTA AND THE RIGHT HON. RAILA ODINGA.

Speaker: Yes Member for Gatimu, Hon. John Kieru Wambui

Hon. Kieru Wambui: I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Speaker and the House Business Committee for ensuring that this motion finds its way to the House at this opportune moment. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:-

THAT **aware** the preamble of our Constitution states that we are proud of our cultural, ethnic and religious diversity and that we are determined to live in peace and unity as one indivisible sovereign nation,

Acknowledging that H.E The President Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta and the leader of NASA coalition the Right Hon. Raila Odinga held a meeting on Friday 9th March 2018 to lay a fresh foundation for the Country through ‘**Building Bridges to a new Kenyan Nation**’ which marked a historic and critical milestone in this Country.

Cognizant of the fact that devolution and shared prosperity were key among the agendas agreed by the two distinguished leaders which are of paramount to this House and the people of this County.

Appreciating that since the 2017 general elections there has been a lot of political tension which has affected the economic and social activities in the Country and the prosperity of this nation.

Committing to ensure that Kenya remains an oasis of peace and prosperity and that H.E the President achieves his big four agenda namely, food, security, affordable healthcare, affordable housing and manufacturing.

Recognizing that the noble efforts of the two eminent leaders need to be lauded and supported by all Kenyans, the two levels of Government and private institutions for the benefit of this nation.

Now therefore this House does resolve;

- a) **THAT** a vote of commendation be recorded and conveyed to H. E The President, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta and The Right Hon. Raila Odinga for providing leadership in the patriotic task of promoting national unity, peace and harmony in the Country and initiating the move towards ‘**Building Bridges to a new Kenyan Nation**’;
- b) **THAT** this House commits itself to support, promote and advance, within its mandate, the aims and objectives of the initiative of ‘**Building Bridges to a new Kenyan Nation**’; and
- c) **THAT** this House commits to support H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta to achieve his big four agenda for the nation namely, food security, affordable healthcare, affordable housing and manufacturing.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

As I begin to discuss this motion that I trust that the Hon. Members will find this motion relevant and support it accordingly, I want to start by thanking the two leaders. We all understand what it means for the country when these two leaders come together. Some people will not find it relevant to have a County Assembly discuss this motion and others will have their reservations with respect to this motion. The issues at hand today affect everybody in this country today. This country has a culture of elongating negative issues for an unnecessarily long time. You remember yesterday there was an issue of a man that had four nails hammered into his head at different angles and the doctors at Kenyatta National Hospital were able to remove the nails and, consequently, save his life. However, the matter was barely given airtime. It was mentioned in passing. But wait until the same doctors operate on a wrong patient. It makes news for weeks, months and years on end. If Uhuru and Raila had continued engaging in negative politics, it would have made the headlines for a long long time but when these individuals take the high road of reconciliation, people do not want us to talk about it. Today, we the Assembly of Nyandarua, have chosen to stand here and talk about it; to applaud this pact. We support the two leaders and I must say this; if we do not appreciate our history, our culture and our heritage, we are like a rootless tree. When we understand where we come from, we will appreciate that gesture by our two leaders. When I talk about history, we must, as a nation, understand where we are coming from and where we are in order to know where we are going. There is no Kenya without Nyandarua. When the two leaders come together, we have hopes for development. The principles of this motion try to explain what the constitution provides but that doesn't stop us from living in peace. When we understand that we must live together as a nation, it does not necessarily negate what the Constitution provides about checks and balances in terms of the role of the government and the opposition. Kenyans must also understand that although we still require checks and balances in this country, the two principals have come together in what they are calling building bridges to a new Kenya. We are building bridges because, Mr Speaker, we have major rifts in culture, ethnicity and rifts all over. We have created very deep valleys in this country that make us appear as though we are living in two different countries. One governed by Uhuru Kenyatta and the other by Raila Odinga. Building bridges will help us propel the development of this country for the next five years and God knows to eternity.

You all remember in the year 2002 when the song ‘Kibaki Tosha’ rang every corner. Raila Odinga came at a time when the country was at the verge of breaking, and that is why we

should commend this individual. I remember I was still a young boy in the early 2000s but I still remember Raila singing Kibaki Tosha. At that time, everyone was looking forward to a new regime that would save them from KANU's oppression and NARC seemed to be the only option. Consequently, investors' confidence rose to unprecedented levels, businesses grew and international goodwill at the time was at never before seen levels. We saw international donors that had pulled out their aid come back one by one. From our statistics, economic growth was at 1.1. but it was to rise, in only three years to 1.4. In 2003, the said GDP rose again to 6.9 percent. When some of these unity calls are made, it is for the benefit of all Kenyans. Most people did not expect Raila to support Kibaki but when he did, he increased the country's prospects of growth and development but we all know what happened in 2007/2008.

Before the 2008 coalition, the country was going to the dogs. Remember Uhuru Kenyatta was, at the time, the leader of opposition but he supported the government nevertheless in order to save the country. The GDP again rose considerably, but Mr Speaker, development has, since that time, been going down time after time. I do not want to go too much into the history because I want us to look at the present. Presently, after the divisions that characterised President Uhuru's first term in government, development dropped from 8.4 percent to 4.5 percent according to a report by the CS finance. The only way we can save our nation is by coming together, the government and the opposition for the sake of propelling this country forward. We must not allow ourselves to be divided along political and tribal lines. After all, I rate ethnicity as the biggest problem in this country and if we could annihilate this vice, Kenya will soar to greater heights.

We all remember when the presidential elections were annulled in 2017 and a repeat elections was called. You remember the negativity and magnanimity of annulling a presidential elections but we, nevertheless, went back to the polls and the opposition boycotted these elections and we all know the perceptions and signals it sent internationally. We say we have a validly elected president but we know the fiasco that came after that. You all remember Raila coming up with what he called irreducible minimums, which could not be attained at the time. Since then we have adopted the phrase 'irreducible minimums' and constantly allude to it in this House. Raila is known to always come up with something new.

Later Raila was sworn in as 'The People's President', which signified the start of the country's downfall. All of a sudden, county assemblies across the country started passing motions to legitimize the swearing in of the so called 'People's President'. We all know the assemblies that adopted these motions, I do not want to go into the details of the contents of these motions because our economy was dwindling. We were nose diving.

Allow me to quote J.F. Kennedy and say that Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures. The only way we can renew the confidence of the Kenyan people is by bringing these leaders together. Some people are calling this gesture a mere handshake but I can assure you that it is not easy. It is not easy for a president elected by millions of Kenyans and another leader who also contested in the elections and got millions of votes to sit together and agree on a way forward for this country. If we don't support this, we would be doing the worst for this country. We cannot talk of Kenya without mentioning Uhuru Kenyatta. I heard some people complain that they would also like to meet the president but the president already met his equal. Uhuru Kenyatta was competing with Raila Odinga. They were the commanders of their respective armies and if

the commanders have spoken, who are the soldiers not to obey? They were saying ‘*wadosi wameongea*’¹ and if *wadosi wameongea*, who are the hustlers not to obey? There is no Jubilee without Uhuru Kenyatta in the same way there is no ODM without Raila. That is why we are calling on the Kalonzos, the Wetangulas and the Mudavadis to support this pact if indeed they love Kenya. Raila supporting Uhuru does not mean that he has stopped loving this Kenya and defending it from the opposition side. We are talking about the big four agenda but how do we achieve this if the opposition is fighting it right left and centre? We have counties that are strong supporters of the opposition but Uhuru Kenyatta is expected to deliver in the whole country irrespective of the political barriers. Raila Odinga must bring his governors on board so that we can achieve the big four which we know constitute of Health, food security in Agriculture and Manufacturing.

Let Kalonzo meet his equal who is Ruto. Let Wetangula meet I don’t know if it is Murkomen because he has been removed, and Mudavadi can go meet Kabogo. If we hope to develop this country, there must be dialogue and dialogue has started. As the Bible says in Isaiah chapter 1 verse 18, Let us come and reason together and even if our sins are as red as scarlet, we must work out. When Jubilee Party said that, ‘*tuko pamoja*’, indeed right now ‘*tuko pamoja na*’ Raila Odinga. When we are together with Raila Odinga, it can only mean good for this country. We said we are together and did not leave any one out. We have brought on board every Kenyan and we are now saying we are together to work as a nation.

Before the handshake Mr Speaker, the Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Henry Rotich was talking about a drop in expected growth in GDP to about 4.5 percent. That is where we are currently – a drop from 8.9 percent experienced in 2013. The CS was saying that we have lost billions in terms of revenues. He said we lost approximately Kshs.84 billion between July and December (first half of this financial year). This is because of bad politics. The opposition boycotted Brookside products and many other products from Mt Kenya region. This hurt our economy badly. They had even boycotted Safaricom. So, when we say ‘*tuko pamoja*’ you can see a change even in the social media where now these people are looking for their Safaricom lines under the mattresses and every other place so that they can go back and start building our nation. We are building Kenya and we want to work together to support this great country.

This merger promises some benefits Mr Speaker. We are starting a journey - a similar journey that was started in 1997 and came again in 2007. We need this merger so that we can emerge stronger and as citizens who love this country.

All over the world, you will realize that people are commended after they leave office. We say in Kikuyu, ‘*iraguo yari iria yakua*’². When leaders are in office, they receive no praise. We start praising them their death. Today, we want to say categorically to all Kenyans that Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga have done a commendable thing. Leadership is not easy for those in government and those in opposition as well. It is not for Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga to sit down and talk and *vice versa*. People might take it casually but it is not easy. You can relate to what is happening in our wards today. As an MCA, think about the competitors at ward level and

¹ The bosses have spoken

² Importance of a leader is felt when they are not in office

what they think about you. Remember what you talked about them and how they talked about you. Mr Speaker, remember those who wanted your position and what they said about you. And then you hear, these are the people that you are supposed to sit down and reason together for the benefit of this country. If you are the Governor, Senator or even Women Representative, you should remember your competitors and the manner in which they talked about you and how you talked about them. If Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga competed against each other and sat down, who are we not to sit and reason together so that we can march on? Politics aside, we have no option other than to work together. We can only move forward if we end negative ethnicity. This is the main problem of this country and if Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga will help us build the bridges, this country will never be the same.

Mr Speaker, political stability is very key to economic growth and investment. This is a very loaded and important statement. If we want economic development and growth, we must have political stability. Further, I would like to say that political stability will create a forum for reconciliation and national healing where historical injustices will be addressed. We are all aware of the TJRC report but since there is no political goodwill and stability, we have not addressed the issues raised therein. When the report was handed over to President Uhuru by Professor Bethwel Kiplagat, the report has never been implemented. This is because we have no political stability. We can also talk about Ndung'u report that was aimed addressing issues of land. Due to political instability, those reports have never seen the light of day but now we have seen that the country has some hope of political unity. We know Raila Odinga is a political enigma and if he supports something, chances are that it will succeed. In 2010, he supported the constitution and it passed while in 2005, he opposed the constitution and it failed.

Mr Speaker, we need to address the emotive issue of negative ethnicity and the two leaders, Uhuru and Odinga, have to initiate meetings and *barazas* that will address political instability and negative ethnicity in this country. They should go address those issues together; '*Uhuru amesimama hapa, and, Raila amesimama hapa*³'. These are the only people that can build and bind this country. We should also try, as a nation, to come up with a curriculum that will stem ethnicity out of Kenya. If we have such a curriculum develop and it becomes an everyday 'gospel', negative ethnicity can be defeated. Today, pastors have turned into tribalists. They are preaching issues along tribal and ethnic lines. We have a problem in this country and if the leaders have decided to come together, we should not hesitate to support them so that they can achieve their agenda.

Political stability will also boost the big four agenda of President Uhuru's second term. They cannot be achieved without the two working together.

Mr Speaker we also wish to propose an elaborate National Dialogue to address issues that create divisions and upheavals in this country. This is in addition to changing *Kenya Katiba*⁴. I will say this today and I don't fear. We have realized that this constitution is problematic and it is not all inclusive. Will are not used to this constitution because we lack political maturity. In as much as we have an opposition's political office, you cannot contest as a president and after losing, you go and start checking the government from home. There is need to check the government as

³ Uhuru and Raila together

⁴ Constitution of Kenya

the leader of opposition. Raila Odinga needs an office financed by the government of Kenya so that he can keep it on its toes. Speaking hypothetically, if Uhuru Kenyatta lost the election, where would he be checking the government from? Is it his home or elsewhere? We need a *katiba* that includes everybody and that can even bring back the position of the Prime Minister so that negative ethnicity can be cured. If we have a situation where the president is from one community and the deputy president is from the other community, where are other communities? And, we are at risk of having that repeated if the Deputy President, Hon. William Ruto becomes president. Even if it will be ceremonial, let there be a position of the Prime Minister with two deputies so that this country can have leadership that is all inclusive. This is just my opinion which is not in the context of the motion.

Mr Speaker, this pact will support devolution and the resources always advocated for will come to the counties. The 45 percent we have been agitating for will now come and help us achieve what we need as a county.

I want to conclude by saying that the two leaders, Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga, are sons of the former leaders of this country. We know where the problem of this country emanated from and we have a history, which we must not forget. We know where the problem came from. We know how Jaramogi and Jomo Kenyatta handled issues. As the two leaders exit from politics, it is upon us to help them take back this country to where their fathers found it because they are the people who brought this problem. As the leaders, and sons of the founding fathers of this nation, they have a responsibility of taking this country where their father found it in terms of unity.

With those very many remarks, I move this motion believing that we shall support these two individuals to take this country to where it was as they exit politics in 2022. I call upon Hon. Isaac Kung'u to support.

Speaker: Very well, Member for Wanjohi, Hon. Isaac Kung'u.

Hon. Isaac Kung'u: Thank you Mr Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the mover of the motion for moving this timely motion. I would also like to commend the House Business Committee under your leadership for providing time so that the Hon. Members can discuss it. Not long time ago, we had a hullabaloo of people discussing a meaningless motion of the people's assemblies. However, today I stand here as a proud Kenyan to discuss an initiative that aims at uniting this nation for the benefit of all living Kenyans and for future generations.

As leaders in this county, it is called upon us to give direction and to support our president and Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga in this initiative. Allow me to take this House down the memory lane because it is said that if you don't know where you are coming from, most probably, you don't know where you are heading. At independence, this country was united. We were hopeful especially when *Mzee* Jomo Kenyatta said that we are united against disease, ignorance, and poverty. We were united when Jaramogi Odinga Odinga said that he was not going to seize power before *Mzee* was released; no independence without Kenyatta. After independence, this country was hopeful; we had dreams that this nation would become great. Unfortunately, sooner than later and just like any other young nation in Africa, we were caught in the politics of East and West. This country was then divided into two with some supporting the East while others supporting the West. We were unable to reconcile ourselves. Politics of exclusion started. It came to a point that

you could not express an alternative idea. People were silenced and assassinated because of their political standpoints and not forgetting one of our own sons, J.M. Kariuki, who was also a victim.

This country has come from far. I remember in early 1990s and the late 1980s when there was the fight for multipartism, people thought that multiparty politics would be a solution for our nation. We ended up having multiparty democracy although it became apparently hard for all the people to remain in Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (FORD). We become so disunited that everyone retreated to their ethnic groups and instead of having an opposition, we had tribal parties. We lost it! We then fought for other ten years and started agitating for constitutional change – *katiba mpya*. Before the promulgation of the Constitution in 2010, we all know what happened in 2007; it was a reality check for this nation. That is when we sat down and decided that we needed a new constitution because we wanted to create a constitutional democracy. We were all hopeful when we gathered at Uhuru Park to witness the promulgation of the new constitution. We thought that our problems were over then. Everybody praised the constitution for it brought hope but it is amazing what happened seven years down the lane. We have not been able to achieve the elusive unity needed for prosperity of this nation. This tells us that we have not been able to move this nation out of the tribal cocoons. In addition, this is what has torn this country apart.

I wish to commend the president and Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga for coming together. This is one of the best things that have happened in this nation in the recent past. During the electioneering period, the economy of this country was seriously affected. They say that this country lost approximately seven billion dollars due to the prolonged electioneering period. The protests, disrupted transport and lost investments contributed to this and the country lost. The NSE alone lost Kshs.2.27 billion. If we continue with grandstands, where will this country head to? I would like to support the president because any layman argument would claim that the president has nothing to lose and after all, he was elected and is the president of this country. However, President Uhuru Kenyatta was humble enough to meet Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga to discuss the way forward for this nation.

In this country, we have a tendency of criticizing anything and everything. We now have doomsayers and naysayers who have said that this unity won't last for long. It is upon us, as leaders, to support the President and the former prime minister and inform them that we behind their cause. We will give them all the support they require to unite this country because we have tried to establish institutions for cohesion but hate speech continues in this nation. It is only these two leaders who have the power to unite this nations. I am happy when I read the newspaper and find that Raila Odinga is preparing ground for Uhuru to be received in Kisumu. You all know what happens in this country. You become the president but you are unable to travel to some of these places. We have places in this country called 'Darfur' where people protest illogically.

I therefore commend the president and support this timely motion. Our populace is ignited by burning hope that there is a future and things are going to work out. As Raila Odinga supports the big four agenda by the president and as the president supports the social reforms that former prime minister has been agitating, we will move forward. I think this will be a good platform for development of our nation.

Mr Speaker Sir, I don't want to take a lot of time because I know members are waiting to contribute to this motion. I really second and support this motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes Member for Njabini/Kiburu, Hon. James Kiiru Gachomba

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr Speaker. First, I wish to thank the mover of this motion, Hon. Kieru. The motion is timely. I wish also to commend President Uhuru Kenyatta and Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga for having learnt from the Book of Hosea Chapter 12 Verse 6 that says people are lost because of lack of knowledge.

At independence, our aim was to fight ignorance, disease and poverty. It was the best time for the two leaders to agree to come together so that we can move forward with the big four agenda for H.E Uhuru's final term as the president. This is a legacy that he wants to leave. He wants to provide Kenyans with affordable housing, good health care and establish manufacturing and agro-processing plants. I believe that as a country we shall be able to move forward.

We do not want people to fighting because of one person; so that he or she can be the next leader, I think it is not the right way to go. I do not need to have people killed due to politics so that I can benefit. I am sure that the two leaders shall together fight corruption which has destroyed our country.

Mr Speaker I believe that in the assemblies we should have a stronger opposition. The two leaders should not be left without opposition. Hon. Wetangula, Hon. Mudavadi and Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka should think of how to form an opposition that will be watching the government and speak out if it is not helping our people. I support the coming together of two gentlemen and realizing that the future of this country is bigger than an individual. I appreciate the mover of the motion too. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Central Hon. Mwangi Maitai

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to oppose the said motion. If they were my daughter and son and they got married today, I would even tell them never to name any of their child after me. These are the reasons why I am saying this, as Nyandarua people, we have been marginalized and we are very good in voting as a block but we are left aside. I have come late but I left my ward and passed by the neighbouring wards, Leshau Pondo and Kiriita. I consulted with the representatives and they said that they are not comfortable with this motion. Therefore, I am here representing Ndaragwa as a whole. They are against the 'marriage'. You know very well that during the presidential campaigns, our president spent a lot of money in Coastal region, Nyanza and Western regions.

He was actually wooing them. Most of the projects were taken there, for instance the Pan Paper and Mumias sugar industries that were bailed out. Midland, in this county is just there. No one wants to rescue the people of Nyandarua because they are sure that come 2022, they will come campaign and we shall vote for them. We are being taken for a ride. The 'marriage' is not timely. He is not the best person to 'marry.' I think we should have thought of 'marriage' with another person. To some extent, I do not even see the future of the Deputy President come 2022. This marriage that will determine the person who will become the president in 2022. In that case, we might have serious tribal clashes. You recall the year 2007 when there was conflict between our community and the kalenjins. This is the time that we saw so many people running to us for rescue. In the previous elections, there were no major problems and things were moving in the right direction.

When Raila was in the opposition, he was able to make us aware of the Eurobond saga and all other corruption schemes. When they are together there will be no one to do the check and balances. It is for their common interest and I do not think they care about us. I do not support what Hon. Kieru has said, that they are sons of liberators; Jaramogi Oginga Odinga and Mzee Jomo Kenyatta. Leaders are either born or trained. We should always embrace ourselves and say that we can make ourselves better people. It not a must that you be from the lineage of those families to succeed. We need to break this.

Uhuru has nothing to lose because this is his last term. He is actually protecting his friend. Come 2022, he will be relaxing. Where shall we be as Nyandarua people? It is the high time that we realize that we are marginalized and we have been left out in the leadership. Look at the appointments that have been made. Very few of us are given a chance simply because we are just but voting machines. When the President came here before repeat of elections, he said that this is the only county that gave him 99% of our votes. Has he come back since then? He has gone to Coast, Nyanza and the other places. You can take my words to the bank; this month will not end before he goes to Nyanza and gives them so many projects now that they are 'married' I oppose this motion. It is of no benefit to Nyandarua people. It is of no benefit, I repeat. I rest my case.

Speaker: Deputy Speaker and the member for Nyakio, Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru.

Hon. Zachary Njeru: Thank you Mr Speaker sir for granting me this opportunity to contribute to this motion. I support the motion. I commend the President and the NASA leader for burying the hatchet and realizing that this nation is bigger than an individual is. I commend the mover of the motion and the member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru for bringing this motion timely. This is not a Nyandarua issue; it is for the interest of this nation, Mr Speaker peace does not merely mean absence of war. Having peace in this nation means cohesion, integration, unity and economic growth. When you hear half the population of this nation 'resisting', let me use it as such, there is economic sabotage and destabilization of the nation. When these leaders come together for the interest of this nation, they should be commended.

Mr Speaker we know an English philosopher who was a good mathematician too, Sir Isaac Newton, I think this is where this theme is borrowed, and that is the theme of building bridges. He said that we build more walls than bridges. We should build more bridges than walls. It is good to note that we the people of Nyandarua are people of peace. We love our neighbours regardless of their ethnic groups and religion.

It is good to note what the member for Central is trying to say. This is the high time that the President of the day helps people from his backyard. This can never be mentioned publicly anywhere in Kenya. As much as we support this motion of unity and social economic growth, it is the high time that the Head of State looks at the economic growth for Nyandarua. Let us advocate for the equalization fund so that we can be like the other counties.

It is also good to note that during the elections, Nyandarua had the highest voter turnout on 8th August elections. During the repeat of the general election, there is nowhere in Kenya where 'Kumira Kumira'⁵ campaign was done as was done in Nyandarua. It is good to note that for the residents in Nyakio ward, that is the word that motivated them and they recorded the

⁵Turning out in large numbers

highest voter turnout in the repeat of the elections. I do not know how the Head of State will know that the most productive ward in Nyandarua County has no infrastructure or improved health care yet in Central region, we recorded the highest voter turnout. I believe that is the beginning of phase two for our able President. When we were in a campaign trail in Shamata, he said that he would be the governor number one of this county. We are waiting upon that promise and I am sure that this will happen.

The reasons why people of Nyandarua exercised their democratic right by turning out in large numbers to vote was social economic growth, peace and unity for Nyandarua and the country at large. We should not forget the prosperity of Nyandarua and our motherland. We want the second phase of devolution to be effective. We the representatives of the people of Nyandarua are advocating for inclusivity of all leaders and all key stakeholders. As the mover of the motion said, it does not mean that if you did not emerge the winner of an election you do not have something substantive for the growth and development of this nation. Those who contested and lost should be engaged in the development of this nation. From this move, we should see equity and fairness.

The member for Central said there should be no county that is benefiting from the state's flagship projects severally while some counties like Nyandarua have none. Servant leadership should be the order of the day. Service to human is service to God and being a leader is a calling. When these leaders come together for the sake of this nation, they should know their calling and that prosperity of the people must be put ahead.

Mr Speaker Sir the issues of tribalism and discrimination on basis of religion have been brought about by politics. Politics is all about affiliations and interests. This is the high time we move away from the 2022 politics and focus on the development of Kenya for this period of five years, after that people will structure themselves politically and we shall be there God willing.

It is good to tell our leaders especially the co-principals that we should forgive, forget and advance. With those few remarks, I support.

Speaker: Yes county member from Kiriita, Hon. Milkah Wanjiru Ndirangu

Hon. Wanjiru Ndirangu: Thank you Mr Speaker for your eye catching me, I almost concluded that you are biased against gender but now I have seen that you are not.

I stand to support this motion moved by Hon. Kieru. It is timely. Mr Speaker I appreciate the mover of the motion for creating an environment where we can air our views on building the bridges and applaud H.E the President Uhuru Kenyatta and the opposition leader Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga for this great move towards ensuring that this country is peaceful.

I want to differ with Hon. Maitai. We come from the same constituency; Ndaragwa. We all know that he represents the minority there, the independent people and probably these are the people opposing the move. I represent the larger fraternity and the majority; Jubilee and it is fully supporting this move. It is good that it goes on record as such. I appreciate Hon. Raila Odinga for realizing that political war is not won on the battlefield but through discussion and dialogue. He also realized that the 'Canaan' he was talking about was but a big illusion. I commend him and welcome him to the jubilee government so that he can help us to move the big four agenda. I commend H.E the president who has shown great leadership.

H.E the President is a human being and during the campaigns, he would be provoked by the NASA leaders. He was told so many negative things but he chose to stand still and remain calm for the sake of the country. He is a peacemaker. The bible in Matthew 5 verse 9 says that

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.

Indeed H.E Uhuru has been called one of the children of God. Mother Teresa said that peace starts with a smile. We saw this happening on 9th March when both leaders chose to meet and discuss things about our nation and started a long journey towards building a nation that was divided across social lines. Mr Speaker the political battles that were initiated by the NASA members through demonstrations, social media and the general media threatened to divide our country along political and ethnic lines. This was unfortunate and that the effect was felt by ‘Wanjiku’. The Kenyan shilling against the Dollar weakened it was Kshs. 106. Our GDP went to less than 5% compared to the highest to be achieved of 8.9% during the first term of H.E the President Uhuru Kenyatta. The elected leaders can attest to the fact that there was delay in releasing of funds to the counties because of political unrest. This threatened the gains of devolution. This handshake has gone a long way to unite our country and it will help in realization of the big four agenda of the Jubilee government, that is, education, manufacturing and agribusiness, healthcare and affordable housing. It is my prayer that NASA members will come to a realization that NASA is no more. They must also realize that when something comes to an end, all the bridges are slippery and dangerous. All Kenyans have known what is NASA is. We have seen over the past few months that their other name is betrayal. Remember what happened during their purported swearing in, some of the supposed core principals never showed up. The same case applied to the visit and we saw the same thing happen in the Parliament yesterday where the minority seat was given to Orengo rather than one of the principals. This NASA coalition is no more. It is a high time that the NASA membership realizes that Canaan is right here in Kenya and is to be realized in the four Jubilee agenda and since Hon. Raila has vowed to support Jubilee, his followers should also support him in the same way they supported him during the demonstrations. Let us see them apply the same energy they exhibited. The jubilee government is stable and ready to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030. This means that the Jubilee Government’s is sealed for 2022 and 2027, in order for them to achieve their objectives.

I know Nyandarua is in full support of this handshake, Members I am yet to finish. I am now being referred to as Mama Mashinani and I will make sure that the Jubilee agenda is realized in 2022 and 2027. Thank you, I support.

Speaker: Yes Member for Githioro, Hon. Simon Sambigi Mukuriah.

Hon. Sambigi Mukuriah: Thank you Mr Speaker, I also rise to support this motion, albeit with a bit of reservation. We all know where and when the rain started beating us. We know that Kenya has a political culture of betrayal; that every time people come together for a good course, there emerges another faction who practise what I would call capture by political interests and these are the people who finance the campaigns. Probably the president has the best interests of this country at heart but can I say the same for the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga? We know that he is cunning and conniving; that he is that one person that will not die easily. When he realized that he is fighting a lost cause, he has now joined the President at the expense of

betraying his colleagues so that he can get goodies for his people. Already, the people of Nyanza are waiting for the president's visit. Obviously, the president will not go there empty handed but where does that leave people like us, the Nyandaruan, who have always supported the president? Will we enjoy the same? Ethnicity is one of the factors contributing to our current situation. It is about time we subscribed to politics of principles and we can only do this by killing our tribal kings. What I saw happen today was not a meeting of like minds but a meeting of tribal kings to pacify their people. What is going to happen when the Kikuyus will no longer have a tribal king, let us set up structures that will stand the test of time; let us look for posterity. Let us change the mindsets of our people so that we make it possible even for the Oromo, the smallest tribe in Kenya, can one day produce a president. Let the people no longer view the presidency as a spring board to riches and that is the only time we shall have peace. We should have equal opportunities; let us make it possible for every Kenyan to compete for any seat in spite of his background or community. Let us also address our political culture. Our current practice is to annihilate those that compete with us. This is clear even at the ward level. Where are the M.C.As we competed with? They have no space in the ward leadership and this goes all the way to the Subcounty, County and country levels. Are you telling me that all the other candidates, even those vying for the gubernatorial position had no vision? Let us embrace each other. Let us not be the ones to put off the other person's candle because ours will not shine any brighter. Let us unite by putting in place structures that will uplift each other.

Mr Speaker, I want to look at the gains that will be realized as a result of the magical handshake. We all know the cost implications of the protracted campaign period and the subsequent demonstrations on our economy. The value of the Kenyan shilling dropped dramatically to the detriment of our citizens. Kenya is a net importer especially when it comes to commodities like oil and the result is that the cost of everything else that depends on oil which is virtually everything else sky rockets. By these leaders coming together, the hostility that resulted to these demonstrations will cool down and pressure will be eased resulting to better exchange rates for our shilling.

(The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome leaves the Chair)

(The Deputy Speaker Hon. Zachary Njeru assumes the Chair)

The protracted campaigns also provided a loophole for bad things and people to invade our country and I must say we are lucky that terrorists did not seize the opportunity to strike us. Drug peddling has become a serious menace, almost as prevalent as alcoholism. We now have disillusioned youth that was involved during the campaigns now sitting idle as they were not given what they were promised. The coming together of the two leaders is also going to create a good environment for the economy to grow and the result is that jobs will be created for our Youth. I would also like to appreciate the maturity exhibited in Kenya by the president. He sat back and let Raila and his people go through the sham swearing in. In absence of political maturity, such an act would have resulted to political anarchy. I commend the President for the strategies he has used to woe back Raila.

At this point, I must also indicate that it would be dangerous not to have opposition in Kenya. As much as we are in support of this union, we must also encourage those that have been left on the other side of the divide to stay strong and task the government to put up structures that

will recognize the opposition so that we have a vibrant opposition. We mustn't all look the same way and risk having things done without anyone challenging them. We know that some of the strong opponents of the Jubilee regime, especially Kalonzo, had predicted a doomsday for this country. He had vowed that without dialogue, our country would go to the dogs. Today, he is trying extremely hard to see the president. It is the high time that he takes up his rightful position as a member of the opposition and let our country move forward. As I close, as the president heads to Nyanza to consolidate this deal, I would implore him not to forget his pillar, the people of Nyandarua who have always stood by him come rain or sunshine, whether the opposition is fighting or not, we will stand by him. I would also like to wish our deputy president the very best as he learns how to be the next president. Thank you, I support.

Speaker: Yes Leader of the Majority and Member for Leshau Pondo, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me this chance to support this very timely motion. Allow me to first of thank the mover of the motion for giving us an opportunity to air our views on the theme of building bridges for a better Kenya. I applaud the coming together of these two leaders. The Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga has over 6 million supporters who he had promised to deliver to Canaan. What would have happened, Mr Speaker, if these people were left in the wilderness? I am glad that he has safely delivered them to President Uhuru Kenyatta, to Canaan. We are politicians and although we not have lost in an election, we have seen people lose and it is not a simple ordeal. We have seen what Raila has gone through to the extent of boycotting elections, resisting and even swearing himself in. The once energetic and powerful prime minister was reduced to addressing the nation in unstructured and almost criminal ways on the roadsides. This was a time bomb but I now believe that the country will settle. I remember when we went for the KICOSCA games in Machakos and we were paraded behind Kisumu County, the resisting County and we were with the 'Tuko Pamoja' team. This was a recipe for disaster, we are glad it didn't happen but it could have happened. All the ODM senators, M.Ps, Women reps and M.C.As rode on Raila's shoulders and they got into their respective parliaments but Raila went home with nothing. We would like to see the president embrace him further as they fight against terrorism, drugs and deforestation. Let them know that political competitors are not necessarily our enemies. Those that were competing with Nderitu Muriithi for the gubernatorial seats are either C.E.Cs or Chief Officers. We may differ in ideologies but we all have a lot to offer. When there is peace, the president will leave a good legacy

(Hon. Mwangi Maitai rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Member for Central, Hon. Mwangi Maitai?

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Mr Speaker, Sir; there is no quorum.

QUORUM CALL

(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is quorum)

Speaker: Proceed leader of majority.

(Hon. Mwangi Maitai rises on a point of order)

Speaker: What is it Member for Central, Hon. Mwangi Maitai?

Hon. Mwangi Maitai: Mr Speaker, Sir; I stand to be guided on what constitutes a quorum. Is the Speaker to be counted?

Speaker: Yes, as long as it is not the substantive Speaker on the chair, the presiding Speaker is counted since he/she is a Member of the Assembly. Proceed leader of majority.

Hon. Gathungu Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker, I was about to inform the Member that when it is the Deputy Speaker on the chair, all we need is 12 other Members to constitute quorum. As I was saying before I was interrupted, I wish to correct the Member for Central who had erroneously indicated that Ndaragwa is not in support of the handshake by saying that 99.9 percent of the people of Ndaragwa are in support of this motion and I can see the Member for Shamata nodding from where I am standing. Let us embrace everybody including our competitors. Even our fifth president, Hon. William Ruto, is in support of the handshake between Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga. With those remarks, Mr Speaker, I support.

Speaker: Yes deputy leader of the majority and the Member for Karau, Hon. Kenn Mukira.

Hon. Ken Mukira: Thank you Mr Speaker, I stand to support the motion by saying that the motto of our Country is peace love and unity, and the motto of Federated state of Micronesia Is Peace, unity and liberty. When we look into love, Martin Luther Junior said 'Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.' I believe our President uses the same system to transform our enemies to be good friends and also and to also assist in working for this Country.

I would wish that this would go to the public domain, that it is only in Nyandarua where tribal voting has never seen the light of day. If you go to Magumu ward, the Hon. Member, is from a different tribe but elected by the Kikuyu Community, reason being? Kenya should is a democratic Country and should not be tribal. If one day we will go to Kisumu and find the member of Parliament is Kamau Njoroge, and in Nyeri the member of Parliament is Otieno Otiende, this when we will have grown and gotten over tribal voting in this Country. We need to fight tribal voting and I believe this is what the President and Raila Amollo are doing. They are doing this in order to bring proper healing in this Country.

Democracy recognises majority rule, but the minority have their rights, to be the President of a Country is a democratic right and anybody can become President. It is not just a Kikuyu who can become President in this Country. This is therefore a sign of reconciliation and healing.

A member of National Assembly abused the President, but on seeing the signs of reconciliation and healing, he came asking for forgiveness, Paul Ongili Owino also known as Babu Owino. He asked for forgiveness and asked that the President may help him come back to the National Assembly with the favour from the President. This is because the Presidents reconciliation with Raila Amollo Odinga has brought forgiveness in this country, if such a young man can request for forgiveness, he even used proper language and refferd to him as President Uhuru Kenyatta, previously he would refer to him as '*huyo mzee mwingine*' I want to believe this is a good sign and a sign of hope for this Country, there is a future for our County moving to greater heights and our people living in good standards and our society having enough security for

we will no longer be a divided nation. We hope for the best for our Country. I will conclude with some words from Sam Zu who said “If you know the enemy, and you know yourself, you need not to fear the results of a hundred battles.” Therefore our President and the Deputy President cannot fear any battle in this Country, they are only bringing the enemy closer to them for they do not mind even fighting another day. Meaning they won squarely and they are not afraid of anything and I stand to support.

Speaker: Yes County member from Magumu Hon. Salome Gathoni

Hon Salome Gathoni: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion from Hon Kieru Wambui, but with reservation, noting how the leader, Hon Raila Odinga behaves in politics, his behaviour is well known in the political arena and therefore, he should be closely monitored, a close eye should be kept on him. All the same I want to applaud them for having set out their differences and seen the need to build new bridges for a new Kenya. Bearing in mind that as the bridges sink deeper the ones who suffer are the Wanjikus, and noting that they are still the ones who support this leaders, it is therefore important that they reunite a for Country to grow Socially economically and politically thus making the life of the common person easier.

Mr Speaker, sir, I have noted that many people do not see things positively. Most of them see thing from a negative point of view, it is therefore important that this unity should also be put in practise in our County Nyandarua, the leaders here should build bridges that will help our people and not divide them. As a Kikuyu proverb says *Ngemi ciumaga na mucu*. Charity begins from home. It is therefore important to that we sit together and discuss our problems and success openly and in the right manner. With these I support. I call the mover.

Speaker: Yes County member from Karau Hon. Joseph Kariuki

Hon. Joseph Kariuki: Thank you Mr Speaker, and point of correction, I am a County member from Rurii. Thank you for noticing me. I rise to support and say that this motion is timely. As a Country with the issue of Ethnic antagonism and competition, we all know that this Country has been having a lot of challenges on the issue of Ethnicity, I am personally a victim of such political formation and ethnic differences. Early last year when we went to participate in the KYISA games in Siaya, one of the commentators, when we were playing the semis said that the match was between Nyandarua who are supporting Uhuru Kenyatta and Kisumu the supporters of Raila Odinga. The MP for Ol Kalou was there and there emerged a tribal battle. We can truly never keep quiet on this issue.

(Hon. Zachary Njeru leaves the chair)

(Hon. Ndegwa Wahome resumes the chair)

On the issue of devolution the Country has been undergoing a lot of challenges economically, this County has suffered too because of the political uncertainties. This has been sad. On the issue of divisive election, in the past four years, we have experienced people dying because of the leaders I therefore support this motion.

Speaker: Yes County member from Ol'kalou Hon. Esther Nyambura Mwangi.

Hon. Esther Mwangi: Thank you Mr Speaker, I rise to support this motion, by first congratulating Hon. Kieru Wambui for this timely motion, I wish to support the coming together of the two Principles, who came together as a team for the good of this nation. I support that a vote of commendation be recorded and conveyed to his Excellency the President Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta and the Right Hon. Raila Odinga for providing leadership in the Patriotic task of promoting national unity and harmony and initiating the move towards building bridges to a new Kenya. Mr Speaker sir, this is a clear indication that Kenya is truly greater than any of us.

Through my President I have realised that overcoming the face of challenges is a mark of greatness, we all know what the President has been through and especially after the Court ruling that nullified the election. He stood firm and carried on. I realised that it is the face of Challenges that bring greatness.

I have also learnt to stay determined, in the book of Nehemiah, when Nehemiah went to rebuild the walls of Jericho and all odds were against him like all odds were against Uhuru, he was insulted and so many things did to him, he stood firm and he emerged the President. Still I have learnt that the future belongs to those people who believe into the beauty of their dreams, I have seen my President remain unshaken and at the end of the day he has achieved his dream.

Leadership is the Capacity to influence change, to influence others through inspiration, through the challenges that the President has received, he has stayed true to us and true to everyone, we have not seen him fight back and it is through this that he has won the hearts of the opposition who have asked to join hands and work together as a team.

I also learnt that, the fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom, I have learnt the President is a man after Gods own heart after I have witnessed his prayers answered. I remember one day I witnessed him pray according to the book of Nehemiah 5: 19 where he asked God to remember him for the good that he has done for this Country. He became President.

I also want to acknowledge and commend Right Hon. Raila Odinga, for defining that the first responsibility of a leader is defining reality. Raila has defined reality, and has shown the people that he is a servant. In between defining reality and thanking people later, it is where servanthood shows, and Raila has portrayed this. We appreciate him. He has also proven to us that we do not have to win every game or argument. I want to quote the word of one Regina Brief 'You only have to stay true to yourself' According to me Raila has stayed true to himself because he followed his heart, and by coming to join hands with the President, is a good thing.

We know that the world suffers a lot, not because of the violence of the bad people, but of the silence of the good people, we all know that Raila has not been silence, he has been vocal, he has spoken, he has made noise, and through this noise the Government has been kept on toes, the government has been awakened and things have happened in this Country. We have not failed in appreciating and nod noting this.

Finally, we know that quality is never an accident, it is a result of high intentions, sincere efforts, intelligent directions and skilful executions, it represents the wise choice of many alternatives, we all know that excellence is rare, the likes of Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga are

rare, and we have rare breeds of this kind. Extraordinary brands of leadership and we appreciate them. I therefore urge the County Assembly of Nyandarua and the Country at large that we join hands with these Principles in steering this great Country with unlimited potential to greater heights. I now call the mover.

Speaker: Very well, the mover and the member for Gatimu Hon. John Kieru Wambui

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker, the motion has been well discussed, and would like to thank the members for the weighty contributions, we all know the story of the prodigal son and what happened when he came back. The prodigal son in the name of Maitai is allowed to wonder around but as Rutoh has always said you can never stop an idea whose time has come. So this is an idea whose time has come. This is not just a betrayal, like Martin Luther King Junior said, when he met J F Kennedy who said that the black thought they have been betrayed. So there is no any betrayal. We also know what happened when Mandela was meeting the whites, Fredrick and the Nationalist Party, and the same the black people in South Africa, thought they were being betrayed only to realise it was for the betterment of their Country, so with those many remarks, I would also want to echo the words of the Hon. Members, that in as much as this motion is good, we need to propose strict adherence to the terms of the fact to betrayal will always be extremely dire for this Country. We want to pray that the two principle will have strict adherence to what they have initiate, because we all know the pact of this relationship collapsing. Like they have shown us, let us solve our problems together or perish together. Let Uhuru and Raila stand together and solve the problems of Kenya together, a hand shake is just an event, what lies ahead is what is difficult. The hand shake was important to start the journey, and like they say, a wedding is just an event and marriage Is the real thing, even for the polygamous man, that *mzee* will sometimes be open and allow all his people to meet. Let us support this marriage. When we work together and support this people that way, we shall be a happy nation in future. Institutions like EACC, have been there for years but the only way to solve this problem is by this leaders coming together, I reiterate my statement that I had when I was moving this motion. Let this two great Kenyans take this Country to where it belongs, where their fathers left it. I beg to move

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The motion is taken and the necessary communication will be conveyed to the offices as requested in the motion and I think as Nyandarua County Assembly we go to the history books as supporting those who have made history to ensure that we have one united and prosperous nation. Next.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, the business as listed on the paper having been exhausted, this house shall now adjourn to again today, Wednesday the 21st March 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

(The House rose at 4:45p.m.)