



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

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VICE PRESIDENT MOURNS DOROTHY MASUKA

25TH FEBRUARY, 2019

FOLLOWING THE DEMISE OF SOUTH AFRICAN JAZZ LEGEND AND ACTIVIST DOROTHY MASUKA, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 85 ON SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2019, ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY MR. EDGAR CHAGWA LUNGU AND THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MANY ACROSS THE WORLD IN REMEMBERING A GALANT ARTIST, MUSICIAN AND REGIONAL CITIZEN WHOSE WORKS WENT BEYOND SINGING FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

THE LATE DOROTHY MANYANDO MASUKA WAS BORN TO ZAMBIAN PARENTS IN THE THEN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND SPENT MANY OF THE CHARACTER FORMATIVE YEARS IN ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA AND ZAMBIA AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

WHILST IN ZAMBIA, SHE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT AND INDEFATIGABLE ROLE IN CHAMPIONING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE FOR NOT ONLY SOUTH AFRICA BUT THE ENTIRE REGION.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN PARTICULAR, HER ROLE IN BRINGING TO AN END THE REPRESSIVE APARTHEID RULE THROUGH HER MOBILISATION EFFORTS USING MUSICAL MESSAGES IS WORTH NOTING.

AS WE MOURN THIS GREAT ICON OF MUSIC AND AFRICA'S LIBERATION STRUGGLE, LET US ALL REFLECT ON HER STRONG CHARACTER OF SELFLESSNESS AND DESIRE TO MAKE A SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE GREATER MAJORITY.

DOROTHY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.
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