

**EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THABO MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT  
MUNICIPALITY PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR NELSON MANDELA DURING  
DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE  
HALL (UNIQWA) IN QWAQWA**

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Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi

Ketapele ya African National Congress

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Jwalekaha e le mona naha ya Afrika Borwa le lefatshe kaofela le ntse le lebisa tlhompheho ya qetela ho mohale wa bahale, senatla sa dinatla Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Madiba Mandela, mantswe a sitwa ho hlalosa ka ho teba le ka ho phethahala seo kakapa ena e bileng sona ho rona MaAfrika Borwa haholo-holo batho ba batsho.

Tsela eo lefatshe lohle le amehileng kateng ke lefu la sena senatla, ke bopaki ba hore bophelong ba hae Ntate Mandela o kgonne ho finyella maphelo a batho ba bangata ka mesebetsi ya hae e metle le ketso tsa hae tse kgabane.

Leha e le mona a re siile kajeno empa mehopolo ya hae e keke ya hlakoha dikelellong tsa rona. Re tla dula re mo hopola kamehla mme mesebetsi ya hae e tla dula e le se hopotse sa hore ho kile ha phela kakapa mahareng a rona. Long live Tata Long Live! Long Live Madiba Long Live! Long the spirit of Nelson Mandela Long Live!

Bomme le Bontate re bile lehlohonolo rona MaAfrika Borwa ho etellwa pele ke dinatla le balwanedi ba tokoloho ba jwaleka Dr Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo, Albert Luthuli, le ba bang jwalo-jwalo. Haholo-holo re lehlohonolo la hore re be le Presidente ya pele ya motho e motsho ya boemo ba Ntate Mandela hoba o ne a

etelletse setjhaba seo a ileng a itela bakeng sa sona. Ebile Presidente ka ho ba mohlala wa hore lerato la setjhaba ke eng le hona ho bontsha lerato leo.

E mong wa balwanedi ba tokoloho ha a bua o tiisa e le ka nnete hore batho bao o ba etelelseng pele o tlamehile o be le lerato la bona. Mme yena ke Ernesto Guevera de la Serna, ya tsebahalang ka hore ke “Che” Guevera. O re molwanedi wa tokoloho wa nnete o tlamehile ho laolwa ke maikutlo a lerato. Ha a tselwa pele o re: “Our vanguard revolutionaries must idealise their love for the people,..... Our love for the people must propel us into greater heights; we must, hand in hand with communities, march together as we seek common solutions to the challenges facing us. The challenge has been made. The battleground has been set.”

E le ka nnete bahaeso bohle re utlwile mofuthu wa lerato la Madiba, ho tloha ho e monyane ho fihla ho e moholo.

Programme Director, what was most remarkable about Nelson Mandela was that he always insisted that the ANC was a collective and always sought to play down his individuality. You will recall that in many of his interviews and address Mandela would always start by saying, “We in the ANC.....” and then continue with his response or address. This showed how much he believed that only through collective effort the struggle could be advanced and that no one was greater than the collective. He also believed that no one was above the law.

He also alluded to this collective in his inaugural speech as the President in 1994 when he said: “We understand it still that there is no easy road to freedom. We know it well that none of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as united

people, for national reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world.”

Ladies and gentlemen, Nelson Mandela was indeed the embodiment of our struggle. He was the symbol of hope and the voice of courage. An icon and a colossus. A hero and a giant. A fighter and at the same a peacemaker. A combatant and at the same time a reconciler.

The words he uttered at the Rivonia Trial in 1963 remains key to the foundations of a democratic South Africa. He said: “I have fought against white domination and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and which equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”

Motsamaisi wa mosebetsi, phephetso e ho rona bohle jwaleka baetapele ba hona jwale le lona setjhaba ho ntshetsapele mosebetsi wa ho lwanela tokoloho o ileng wa qalwa ke baholo ba rona bo Ntate Mandela. Mme ntwana ya rona jwale e kgahlanong le bofuma, tlhokeho ya mesebetsi, le ho se leka-lekane hammoho le botlokotsebe, tlikefetso ya basadi le bana le dithethefatsi. Ha re tshwaraneng ka matsoho mme re lwantsheng dimpe tsena le diphephetso tsena mmoho mme re tla hlola. Hape tsela e nngwe ya ho ba le karolo bokamosong ba Afrika Borwa e ntle ke ka ho vouta mme ha o vouta o voutele mokgatlo oo Ntate Mandela esaleng a o emetse ebile a o etetse pele e leng wa African National Congress.

In conclusion Programme Director let me just reflect on the lessons from the life of Dr Nelson Mandela. The first one is selflessness. His incarceration for 27 years for the cause of liberation proved this selflessness. It also proved love for his people. It also proved

commitment and loyalty to the one of his own. We also learn humbleness from this giant of our own time. Most of all he was able to hold the centre together and because of him things could never fall apart.

As we go in our daily walks as from Monday let us also emulate the good works of this giant, and also ensure that the freedom he fought for was never in vain. Let us join our hands together and ensure that South Africa becomes a better place, day by day.

May the soul of Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Rest in Peace. Hamba kahle Qhawe. Sizohlala sikukhumbula!

Thank you.