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### SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

#### THE HANSARD

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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9.30 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. George Okode) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING HON. SIGURU'S SON

**Hon. Speaker:** We are pleased to have within our midst Siguru Junior. Could you be upstanding for recognition.

*(Applause)*

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

ADJOURNMENT UNDER SO 25

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to give notice of adjournment

#### MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Olasi:** Pursuant to Standing Order 25 on the Calendar of the Assembly, this House adjourns *Sine Die*. I believe that today marks the end of our term officially in this House.

As a representative of the people of West Uyoma and the Whip of the majority, I would say that as we end today I have to appreciate in a very special way the Members that worked with me. I need not single out specific Members and how they contributed successfully to my work as Majority Whip.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that through your guidance we had a good Assembly because we live in a country where we understand and know exactly what is happening in other Assemblies. In that order I would then appreciate you for having showed us the way throughout our sessions.

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As a House we have to appreciate the staff that have assisted us to make our job easy. We have been in a House where there was a big balance even membership of this House have gotten it easy while handling their issues with the staff. That one we cannot take for granted because we know of other Assemblies that we could hear of misunderstanding between the Members and staff.

The Members now and those in the next Parliament if all goes well we pray for them and we would wish as we pray that they continue maintaining the good order in the House and continue giving Siaya Assembly a good name going forward. Thank you.

**Hon. Oor:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to thank the Hon. Members for having worked with you peacefully without any major conflict. I know they were on your side and they were talking positive about you.

I pray for those who are coming to give you peace. I am going but will still come to your office to talk with you if you allow us unless you have issues with us. I know there is none. The staff of county Assembly have worked with us well and I pray for you and staff majorly because you worked with us with no abuse or quarrelling with anyone, continue that way but let us pray maybe in 2027 some of us may come back if God blesses.

With those few remarks let us pray for you but don't forget those who have worked with you. Thank you.

**Hon. Adala:** I rise on the Floor of this House this morning with mixed feelings; there is the feeling of joy in terms of the journey that we have walked. When I came Here five years ago I hadn't met quite a number but even the few that I met outside there I met not so formally.

When I got in we made a family of love irrespective of our backgrounds and our levels we came and bonded well and that was a real plus to us. It is also a joyous moment because from the work we have done in the Assembly this is one House under the able Chairmanship of Hon. Speaker.

We have been able to walk a journey of five years without really experiencing what other Assemblies experience in terms of insults and abuses and sometimes fists and fights. This Assembly has been lauded by and large in the entire Country that when we needed to have fought we fought intellectually. When we needed to disagree we did that with decorum and respect for each other. I wouldn't have asked for more other than that as a Member of this House.

I happen to have sat in various Committees of this House i.e. Education, Health, Sports and Tourism and in aspects of law making I can say that when I came in I was still a rookie but I think five years later I have been empowered and I think quite a number of us and if not all of us are a depth at law making.

We did pass so many Bills: in the Education Committee where I sat I remember there were issues with bursaries and therefore we did an amendment that really allowed us to fast track some of these things notwithstanding the challenges that were not as a result of this House but as a result of the implementing wing which is the Executive.

I have a special attachment of the Health Services Act which was really enacted in a record of one year when we got in. As a Member of this House that is milestone because Health as all of know is a fully devolved function and that we came in the Second Assembly and were doing it and for me that is something worth taking note.

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Alongside other Bills were debated in this Floor and actually passed including one that was sponsored by myself and with the input of others in the House. There are mixed feelings and when I will be looking back I will be looking at it with lots of nostalgia.

When we went for the games in CASA we had a very wonderful team and supporters led by Hon. Mboha. When we needed each other whether in Harambees, marriages we really joined hands together and that for me is something worth taking home.

I know we are going our various ways, for those who will be lucky to come back next month we pray that you maintain the name and image of Siaya County Assembly for what we have been known for which is dignity.

For those who may not be coming back in one way or another let us maintain the brotherhood beyond this County Assembly, we are still friends.

Finally, many were called but few were chosen and with that I will say I wish you all the best in the fourth coming Third Assembly, “*Tano tena.*” Thank you so much.

**Hon. Siguru:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir; as I complete my term in the House, I emphasize so much on the unity that the House has always had in deliberations of its duties. I take pride in serving this House; I first and foremost thank the people of East Gem who made me represent them in this House.

To the best of my knowledge I know that we did the best that we could as a House both collectively and individually and foremost I know that we have had a very wonderful working for the period I have been here in the Committees that I have served I have really had good working team with the Committee Members, in Finance, House Business Committee and Powers and Privileges where we served with Hon. Adala and a few others.

I take pride that I have left a polished person both in leadership that I have gotten from Committee interaction with a few Members here and there. I know I am leaving this House sharpened in interactions and in doing others’ errands that I stand to start doing.

I am the one that made a serious and permanent decision that I have served in this House, I have served my people in East Gem and after the nominations I said I want to honorably retire from politics and probably pursue other ventures.

In pursuant to my personal interest; I know the Members that we have always been with definitely will be able to be key people. I know I am going into business not into politics really but I know there’s a lot that bind both politics and business.

My point of emphasis is whenever some of us are leaving as we are leaving right now I know we shall still be interacting with you people outside there. We will both need each other in one way or the other; anytime I may be of use in one way or the other I will still be more than willing because of the bonding that I made.

The working relationship we have had with the leadership of this House; in comparison with the Houses I know it is the House that has been led with a lot of maturity. A house whereby Members have been given freedom of expression at will freely and fairly and all these we owe to the leadership of the House, Hon. George Okode.

We take pride in interacting with you in this House, we have learnt so much in your leadership style and we pray that God willing we have you steer Third House that should be able to bring in both new and Ex Members to probably mingle together and bring in a bonded House as the one we had in the Second Assembly.

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**Hon. Oyuago:** My first submission will just be appreciation to the O.D.M party that nominated me to represent women in this Assembly. Secondly, I want to appreciate and thank your office that we worked with when I was serving as the Welfare Chair. The wisdom that you have is God given and you made this Assembly to be ranked at a higher level countrywide.

I hope that will apply in the Third Assembly. I also want to appreciate the Members of this Assembly; 90% of the membership we just met when I got sworn in the Assembly and some of you kept the contact up to now and I hope we are going to keep the contacts even after this. I want to appreciate the staffs of the County Assembly at large; more so the offices that we worked with.

To the entire membership; this thing is not a matter of death and you will still come strong in 2027. I want to encourage young Members like Hon. Andiego not to lose focus on unnecessary things.

I want to congratulate those Members who made it with the O.D.M party like my friend Adala who is coming back in the next Assembly and the rest of you. I also wish those who made it with the other parties and the ones who stood independently; we wish you well.

**Hon. Booker:** Allow me to join my fellow Hon. Members in thanking the Almighty God for having brought us this far. It never came to mind that we will sit here today to bid farewell to the Second Assembly. I also want to join other Hon. Members in applauding you as Hon. Okode, the Speaker of the Second Assembly.

I thank you very much that you lent us your shoulders to rest on when we had very big financial constraints and when we had problems you came to our aide. I can't forget when I couldn't afford school fees for my child where you helped me.

May God give you that courage and help you so that one day even my child will be able to help your child. I remember when we were going to Somalia and we were provided with dog tags. We asked the Commander what the dog tags meant! He said that even if you die they will be able to collect your ashes and bring back home.

I am asking the Almighty God to put dog tags on every one of us because we are still going to fight so that even if we die the survivors will be able to come and collect our ashes and take them home.

I also thank you very much because when I came to this Hon. House from the Army, I doubted my physical fitness remembering how other Assemblies behave I thought this is a House of boxing but I found people like Hon. Mboha who could box you many times but didn't and I really appreciate that because of you.

As we go home to lodge another fight again may God bless everybody and I wish everybody who is going to fight a good fight and even if you lose remember God has put a dog tag into your heart.

I take this opportunity in a special way to ask God to help Hon. Olasi and Hon. Ousa who is my classmate so that they come back and join me. And for those who will come back please let us fight very hard to elect our Hon Speaker and I pray that we come back so that we outnumber the newcomers to elect Hon. George Okode again.

To our Speaker, for those who will succeed to come back please just continue the way you had done it for us because we still have many problems. I never knew being an MCA as a very expensive affair; of course it is and without you we couldn't have made it.

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May God bless everybody and may he keep you alive and your family. I ask for forgiveness from anybody who I may have wronged please forgive me, thank you very much.

**Hon. Mboha:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Sir; I want to thank the Almighty God for having made us see this day. I think it's been a very long tedious five years we have been here and God has been on our side. We give gratitude to God and I also want to be grateful for the opportunity that the people of South East Alego gave me to serve them from 2017 to 2022.

Thirdly, I want to appreciate all members of County Assembly of Siaya. We have had our good times as well as bad times and that is what makes life interesting.

Mine is just to thank fellow colleagues and to those who will make it back I pray that you continue with the good work. I also want to tell you that some of us are around and available, therefore willing to assist in whatever way possible more so in your campaigns.

Some of us may follow other dreams like going to the Executive so we humbly request that you handle them well when they come before you as former colleagues. For example, I know that Hon. Opanga might be coming back from the other side as we also pray for Hon. Andiego so that they also get opportunity to serve this County in other areas.

*(Applause)*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for the five years. We have learnt a lot despite Hon. Mboha being cheeky here and there.

*(Laughter)*

I know we have bonded well with the staff and we have not had any misunderstanding or quarrel at any given time because they were also good to us. They have been very supportive and I pray that you continue serving the people of Siaya in the same way and with the dignity that you have always served.

I appreciate Tom Brian, Ochieng and the many others who have always supported us when needed. Without saying much, I want to thank you and may God give you life as we soldier on with life.

**Hon. Audi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will start by appreciating the cordial relationship we have been having with colleagues, we appreciate the love you have always shown and supported us in many other ways.

You also created a level ground for all of us in terms of even the Committee membership irrespective of the party one belonged to. Through the trainings, we also realized many things, that there is available instruments that we used that impacted positively on the implementation of some of projects irrespective of what some people said.

Thank you, we love you and may the good Lord bless you.

**Hon. Omoro:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would start by first thanking the Almighty for giving me the opportunity to serve the people of East Ugenya. We have all gone through good and bad times together and we have all endeavored to solve them amicably. Since we came in we met friends, bonded and even made new friends. In the second Assembly, we really strived to make Siaya a better place and tried to bring Bills that would better the lives of Siaya people.

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Through your leadership, I think we have learnt new tricks and leadership skills through the several mentorship trainings that you took us through and God willing we are also looking forward to working with you in the third Assembly.

Without much ado, I want to also appreciate the staff more so the clerk assistants who are the engine of this institution because in the most cases they have a vast institutional memory. They were of much help to us because the moment we came in they were giving some of the guidance.

Even as we engage in numerous task ahead into the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 elections we pray to God that He gives us the strength, the wit and the financial muscle so that we can clinch our seats for those who are still striving hard to regain their seats. I also pray for those who are going home because even as we part as souls we will still meet in socio economic and maybe political issues that may bring us together.

I want to say that come 9<sup>th</sup> August I believe God will give us victory and when we get an opportunity to come back as Assemblers then I think we would work even better because a miles walk begins with a step.

Let us also pray to God that this time round Raila Amollo Odinga becomes the 5<sup>th</sup> President of Kenya so that some of the issues affecting us, the Scio- economic issues, the political issues and some of the impediments that have been imposed on us that could never go through due to bad leadership. I think they would come to pass.

With those few remarks, I wish you all the best in your endeavour as the Speaker of the second Assembly and I would want to assure you that the moment we are elected we will see into it that you are reinstated as the Speaker for the Third Assembly. Thank you.

**Hon. Adida:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Allow me also to show my appreciation, first and foremost to God almighty for enabling me to be a servant of the people. Secondly, I want to appreciate colleagues whom we have served with.

I want to say that I have now served for 10 years meaning that I was in the first Assembly as well as the second. I want to thank the Almighty because you remember that in both the Assemblies, not all of us finished the term and therefore we are grateful for us who made it this far. I want to say that none of us left through the natural causes and we are going back all of us as we came.

I want to appreciate all our staff because it is through them that our work was made easy and for colleagues I want to say without fear that we should not fear even if we are now going back out there. I want to believe that God is with us and I want to congratulate those who made it back as well as pray for them because they are still in the fight.

Hon. Speaker, it is through you that I want to say that I have gathered a lot of courage to face the world through your wisdom. It is true that because of your wisdom this Assembly is the only Assembly in Kenya that there has not been fights. It is through your management, a skill from God almighty and I pray that even in the Third Assembly, that wisdom will be there and to those of us who will make it back I request you to support Hon. Speaker so that he wins the election and together you take Siaya to greater heights. Therefore, colleagues, mine is to wish you all the best because with God everything is possible. Thank you.

**Hon. C. Andiego:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to say that when we come here we also start with a word of prayer to thank the almighty God for giving us the

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opportunity to be Members. I also want to thank the people of Central Sakwa for giving me the opportunity to serve as their MCA even though I got here through bad occurrence.

I also want to thank you first as my Speaker and secondly as a father and for all the pieces of advice you offered me. I also want to thank the other Members who are all senior to me for everything they did to me. I thank them sincerely and ask God to be with them even as they continue in their endeavours.

It would not be proper for me to finish without thanking the entire staff starting with the Clerk, serjeant- at -Arms and every other staff including the grounds men who made this place a lively place.

Some showed us what to do, in terms of Bills while some offered suggestions on what to do and that is what has made Siaya County Assembly what it is now. Without them we would not get this far.

Lastly, I would like to pray that God guides our steps even as we leave as the Siaya second Assembly knowing that all of us have initiated some development in one way or another and some of us might come back while some might not.

Those who will make it back I urge you to continue serving the people of Siaya with the zeal that we did before while those who might not make it back I also urge you to continue serving the people of Siaya in the different capacities that you will manage. To those who are going for the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 election I urge you to remember our able Speaker if you make it back to this House.

We know that some of us will not be back though we will continue to pray for you, Mr. Speaker so that your legacy can continue for the next five or ten years to come. We will be back eventually it may not be tomorrow but be rest assured that we will be back to this House, We have just taken a rest. Almighty God be with you and may you continue with your legacy, Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you.

**Hon. Aringo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. It was unfortunate that when I was coming to this Honourable House I didn't check on my weight but I thought it wise to know whether I have gained weight or not.

The only instrument I had is the suite am putting on today, it is the same suit I had on during my swearing in. Therefore, my instrument told me that I have not added any weight!

I want to thank the people of West Sakwa for having given me the opportunity to represent them. I also want to thank the Almighty God who has given us an enabling environment to be here and hold us together even though along the line we lost one of us Hon. Joannes Andiego. I also want to thank Members of this Assembly for giving me the opportunity to represent them in the Siaya County Assembly Service Board.

I want to thank you specifically, Hon. Speaker for all you did for us. There is no single day you turned away to the needs of the Members of this House. When the president decided that car loan be turned into grant immediately the taxman was on our neck. Had it not been that we have a fast thinking Speaker we would have had a very rough time. I want to say that I enjoyed working with you, working under you and we gave equal opportunity to the employees of the Assembly. I want to confirm that the second Assembly was unlike the first Assembly when it came to training opportunities. Majority if not all staff got an opportunity to be trained.

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I want to say that Chief Abudi is not getting back to the Assembly, which is obvious, but I want to wish all those coming back all the best and I want to request that you remember Hon. George Okode. You know what he has done to us during our stay here.

Those going home with Abudi on the list, I want to say that there is life after this and we must live it positively just as Hon. Shirly has said “let us not depreciate or waste ourselves out there.”

Otherwise, I wish the incoming House all the best. Thank you and God bless you all.

**Hon. Oyugi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On my behalf on behalf of the people of East Asembo, I take this opportunity to thank all the persons whom I interacted with within the precincts of the Assembly.

As they say, everything that has a beginning has an end and as we come to the end of the second Assembly I want to take this opportunity to appreciate you, Mr. Speaker, for your leadership and guidance that has ensured that we have interacted both the staff and the MCAs as a family and professionally.

We have undergone good times and bad times but we have come out stronger and better. To my colleagues, most of us came here as strangers but we are leaving here as a family. The bonds that we created should not be broken.

For all those in the race I wish you well and I pray that you all come back. To those pursuing other interests I wish you well wherever you go and let us keep in touch. Thank you and God bless you.

**Hon. Atieno:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. First, I would like to thank ODM party for having given me the opportunity to become an MCA, a gesture I did not even expect though I believe I did not disappoint.

Secondly, I want to thank the Speaker for his leadership skills because you are a young man but you have given us good leadership. As Hon. Andiego said that he is the youngest, I am the senior most in the Assembly, and the respect that we have gotten from you, regardless of age or status, we are really grateful and you have served us well and we pray for you to continue with the good work and skills.

My second thank you goes to your staff. It is not always easy you walk around and find people who are so respectful. I mean they are sincerely respectful. They walk around with a smile and it is the care. I am really thankful for that.

To my colleagues who are coming back, I wish you all the best, and to those who are not coming back, it is not the end of the world. Before the Assembly you were somewhere and you are still going to be somewhere at the end of this. This is just kind of a beginning, this is life, and life goes on. So don't look so miserable, keep hope alive.

So you walk around saying, maybe I wasted my time there. No, you did not, you learnt something, which you are going to take out there. The other thank you goes to our Board Members. They served us well. Thank you so much for being there for us all the time. I can't say that everything went on smoothly, but again, if it went on smoothly, it would not have been very interesting. There were ups and downs and we learnt from that.

To the Members who are coming back, I know I am not coming back, if you meet us out there, let us still keep being friends, and for those who are still there we still keep in touch. The slay queens who are coming back, I might not be there to lead you, but in case they need me, you can just call me and buy me chicken to lead you. Thank you.

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**Hon. Oriaro:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would say, to Almighty God in the highest, glory be to Him. I believe this day is a very special one for me because I have always known the journey I have been walking. In fact, my *raison d'être* is one that I will always stand firm by. If I can recall though he was not my darling; Winston Churchill, the British Prime minister, he made some remarks that the struggle will be heavy, risks numerous, loses cruel, but victory when it comes will make amends for all.

On my part, I will have no apologies to anybody, only God, because I know this is marking the end of my 15-year service. During my time, many have misunderstood me, and I was most pleased when they were misunderstanding me. I was not getting it easy, but with that conviction, and the persuasion on what amounts to the democratic ideals, I resolved to always fight for, I am convinced that I did my best.

As we speak now, the missing link in the global governance, leave alone the local governance is the fight against impunities and corruption. I can recall the late Robert Mugabe while at one time addressing the AU, talked of even reforms at the UN Council where Governance is lopsided and power resides in the hands of a few people, that's we have the G4. They feel like they are the ones to hold Veto power.

The center of debate when it even comes to the National leadership, is all about bad governance not that we have bad laws, but its implementation. There is no shortcut to that if we really mean well, and if truly our leaders mean well, irrespective of the consequences.

I make a record here that I hold no apologies for my *modus operandi*, and I am convinced that if I wronged anybody and they are following me, I will not care, for I believe that in life or in death, nothing can scare good men. I know very well and I am not hiding, I really loved ODM, and you would even be surprised that my life membership to ODM even stands beyond 2028. If you didn't know, Silas Jakakimba, Raila Odinga and I are the people who founded ODM. Even my remarks on that day when it was resolved that it would be a political party, I can recall I said that; let ODM be the order of ANC.

My prayer is that we will nurture ODM. Let it not naturally fall with the so called Azimio. Let ODM remain because if we were to give way to political pluralism, ODM stands a chance to giving ways in a political democracy in an environment of political pluralism. So I mean well and I pray for ODM that if they will be talking of good governance, good governance starts with good leadership.

Let it not repeat the kind of trauma that they subjected to us. I insisted I will not go to any other party. In 2013, I opted for the late Biwott's Chama, I got it in a landslide, but for the love of Jakom; Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, because he is ODM, and without him, ODM is nothing, we wanted to give him a free environment where one day we will say that we played our part. So those who are in ODM try to ensure that ODM remains to serve the people of Kenya.

The elements of mal governance as epitomized in matters of primaries, that one was unfortunate. You will be surprised that even in Kadenge area where we had 3500 voters, I only managed 30 votes! That's why I decided that let me fight it vide the judicial process, only to realize that I was wasting my time. I knew what had happened but I decided to let it go because politics is not my only livelihood.

In Central Alego there was no contest, but the cause elements were against me, maybe bordering on me, on my fight against bad governance, they thought that Hon. Oriaro will be

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finished, I simply decided to keep off, and because I said my *raison d'être* was always about human rights defense. A human rights defender never dies.

It has been a great privilege for me to be here. I can recall when I started in 2007, Mr. Ochieng you are here, you were one of the staffers, still you so humble. Ooh, he has gone out. Charles Ochieng, I can recall Jael is also the other side, I am praying for you. That was in the defunct councillorship where I was representing Boro West in Central Alego.

With Devolution, we had good pioneer staffers. I am happy Ochieng is here, when I was the Chair for implementation, we had Keya in the Executive, Jael was also there, of course we never had staffers. I am very happy Sylvester is here, I pray for him. He is one who is ready to learn and learn and climb higher and higher. I pray for all the staffers who are here. They were orderly. We embraced one another as brothers, even the sergeants. So Mr. Speaker you had a good team, both administrative and legislative.

Brothers we had a day. While thanking you Mr. Speaker, one of the principles of the new humanist movement, is the law of the proportionality or the principles of proportionality. In a nutshell is that things are well when they move together not in isolation. This is what shall always make these two Assemblies I have been part of; the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one, one that is diametrically abused to the ones we had elsewhere.

Ochieng will confirm that when I was a councillor, I was almost clobbered everywhere because we were not supposed to talk. We were only there to be seen, we were not supposed to represent, but with Devolution, let us not bring the reason for Devolution down.

We are Parliamentarians. In fact, we are 49 Parliaments. We are equal, so let us not appear as if we are anybody's boss. For our brothers who are coming back here, don't afford to bring the spirit of our existence down, even if it will not be well for you, brothers, let us make the graph of Siaya to be higher, and higher and higher.

I pray for the incoming Governor, but it will still not be easy because the one we have been having has been quite demeaning. So whoever will take over from him must work.

We also pray hard for our Prime Minister, the people's president to make it. All indications are there, but it will not be easy for him to reform the country, because had it been that we got it through ODM express we would have had all the powers, but where we are it is a kind of a high breed.

I am praying for *Jakom* that he manages it. It will not be easy. The Country has been stolen, plundered; no resources, expectations are too high for *Jakom*. So let us pray for him that when he gets it, God shall lead him to lead kindly. In short, let us mean well for ourselves, but for myself I have no apologies for anybody.

Yesterday in my Facebook when I was mingling with area residents of Obambo in one of the farms, there was a video on my timeline yesterevening where a local was trying to mention to me one of my enemies. He came because in the first Assembly, first Government we were doing vetting, and while pushing through my mandates, one of my residents could not get a space. It's like the locals were seeing it that he is my enemy, but I simply said I had the powers to tell off whoever doesn't fit. No friendship in leadership.

Mr. Speaker. I pray for you. May God open for you many doors to serve on such platforms as your heart desires. Thank you.

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**Hon. Winga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to thank God for having opened the day for us and made our journey to this place safe. I would also like to thank you. You are our able Speaker with a lot of talents. May God bless you. I go to your staff too, they are very respectful people, and they respect us as if we are their employer.

My fellow Members in the Assembly, I thank you for keeping the three words that God left for us; peace, love and Unity, and that is what has made this Assembly to be a peaceful one and also the good leadership of our able Speaker, Hon. George Okode. I pray for you, that even as we leave this place going home, I hope and trust that in the next Assembly you will be there and God willing you will again be elected the Speaker of Siaya.

As I finish, I got a new name from this Assembly, 'slay queen' if all goes well, let the slay queens come back. Now let us be peaceful the way we are, my dear Members, I swerved in so many Committees. Budget, education, Agriculture and Justice and Legal Affairs I think we have done well in Siaya County. God bless you.

**Hon. Akoth:** My fellow Members, the way our able Speaker has been treating even the nominated Members, he treats us the same, the way he treats the elected Members. I hope you can admit that. I am happy. Our able Speaker I request our Members to pray for you. I am a saved person, and every time I pray, I pray to God to help Raila and our able Speaker, they can lead Kenya well.

When we check on other Assemblers: Kisumu, Homabay, the way they are behaving is so bad. I have some friends there and I normally tell them to check how Siaya Assemblers behave. It is because of our able Speaker. He treats us well and he considers everything in the Assembly to be good, so keep it up. All the Members that are coming back, behave that way. Don't destroy it. Our Staff members have been so good, I appreciate them. Thank you so much. I don't have much to say.

**Hon. Abigael:** Thank you so much, Hon Speaker. I would like to thank Hon. Members for having worked as a team and for the people of Central Gem for having elected me to this House. I am forever grateful. Just as my colleagues have said, some may be coming back, some may be venturing into other activities.

Mr. Speaker, we have learnt so much from you. We know that you know how to manage human beings. You knew all of us, our weaknesses, our strengths and you managed us well. Even those who were tough like Hon. Booker Bonyo and the polite ones like Hon. Winnie here, mouthy ones like Hon. Adalla, but you brought us all together. We lived as a family. We thank you so much.

For those who are coming back, you elect the Speaker to be your Speaker again because better the devil you know than an angel who wants to appear from nowhere and the majority of you are coming back. Otherwise God bless you plus all the staff that we have interacted with.

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me a second chance. How I wish I was talking about this particular lady when she is around. I started by thanking every Member for giving me an easy time as the Whip and for creating a conducive environment for everybody.

I wanted to thank on a very special way Hon. Hellen Winga, and that is why I wish she was around. This is the lady that we competed against in 2017, and we were sworn in together in that year but she has made my work very easy in the Ward.

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We are in a platform where Members from a Ward are 30 some were elected while others nominated. It has never been easy to share a platform with a nominated Member apart from very few Wards that I can say even in the first Assembly such problems were there.

I am not afraid to say that in the second Assembly such occurrences were there but Hon. Hellen Winga gave me easy work. Even during our campaigns for 2022 election during nominations it has been very easy for both of us and how I wish that going forward in the next Assembly Members who will be back here, if we have nominated Members from your Ward kindly learn from the way Hon. Winga used to handle West Uyoma affairs.

Sometimes I could not be in the House and more particularly matters sports but when it comes to Budget we are lucky to be two of us in the same Ward in the Committee on Budget. Hon. Winga created an atmosphere and treated West Uyoma Ward as hers and did a lot for the Ward.

I appreciate her in a very special way. This is one lady I believe we did not exchange at all even in this particular platform over disagreeing over petty issues I used to witness in some of our Members who were nominated. I appreciated her for that.

Wonderful people like Hon. Edwin Odhiambo who stood with me sometime last year when I was not well. I was hospitalized for almost 18 days then stayed home for almost 2 months, I could not even go to the Ward.

I called upon Hon. Booker and Hon. Edwin to go and represent me. Those are special people that I cannot take for granted. Were it not for special people like you, Mr. Speaker, there is a way God does things, I wouldn't be alive today.

I can remember a small story, I was with Hon. Edwin on 8<sup>th</sup> of May attending a fundraising in my Ward. The following day I think we went to Kogere in north Ugenya, there was a fundraising I think even the Hon. Speaker was there.

Three days later u can't remember where I was up to almost 2 weeks but God used special people in this House I appreciate. Some were even ready to use their title deeds if the insurance would not allow my admission into the hospital.

The great people of this Assembly I wish you well and don't just do it for the Members of this House. I think that's why some of you got direct ticket and they can count themselves lucky to be here in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly. I think it is this kind of good heart that shows our God is not sleeping.

The wonderful people of this House gave me some responsibility. Some of them I can say I grabbed and you allowed me to grab them. Don't ask me what I grabbed but I appreciated you so much that you supported some of those activities. That I was allowed to lead more particularly sports activities.

It is sometimes very difficult to choose amongst the 43 who to attend an international event of which only two members qualified. Frankly it was Hon. Edwin and Hon. Andiego who could go to Uganda for CASA sports but we managed 11 of us. Some of them didn't even bother to find out how we reached 11 in number including staff.

It never used to be easy.

I have a very good neighbor and colleague in the name of Hon. Judy Patel. She never used to bother me. I would say she was provocative to some degree but that one I know why I am saying so. I maintain. Thank you very much, Hon. Judy Patel.

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Even today I moved a Motion that was supposed to be moved by him. He has never complained as to why should a Whip move a Motion that will be moved by him. Majority Leader, I thank you for accepting the matters of the Assembly going forward.

As we wish our Members who will be elected back to this House to elect you as the Speaker of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly, I would say that some of these things just pray over them. The wisdom you have is unmatched. It is not easy to handle grownups who feel so special in a way because they are elected or nominated and they are serving in the same House like you.

Other Members said that how they wish the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly be like the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup>. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly will be better. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Clergy, Hon. Members, today is a special day, a day mixed with emotions but we got to do what has got to be done. I will introduce the people who have just walked in because it's a closure day. We thought it wise to have the clergy at the tail end of our meeting and I want to introduce them as follows:

We have Venerable Edward Otieno Oywa, Vicar General ACK Diocese of Maseno West he is acting on behalf the Right Reverend Dr. Godia the Bishop for Diocese of Maseno West. We would have wished to invite churches or denominations because we had limited time, we know our God is not limited. Therefore that will suffice for now.

He has been accompanied by board members Eliud Onyango, Margaret Olale.

*(Applause)*

Because we are now a blend, may I say this is a special day. When we started this journey there was one Hon. Joannes Andiego but he is not within us today. May God rest his soul in eternal peace!

When we started this journey you are well aware I was to be the facilitator and I was your project, I want to thank you for not just making me one but sustaining me in being one until the end. You have shared this with me and amongst ourselves accolades towards my direction as your Speaker.

On my own behalf and of various Chairpersons and leaders of the Assembly, I want to dedicate all that appreciation that you shared with me back to you because as your facilitator, I was there to help you perform and you indeed performed, in my own judgement, satisfactorily.

If there is anything we can be proud of is that when we were faced with hard times, we faced hard times head on and we never lost our cool. When we were expected to be cool, we were cool but not too cool so we delivered on our mandate.

Individually and collectively we have made this happen.

To the various chairpersons of various committees and to the Board, I want to sincerely thank you for making this happen. All Members individually and collectively you have defined our brand; the Siaya County Assembly which in my ranking is the best we could ever have.

Finally, in my private capacity and in my official capacity God grants, there will always be a piece of me for all of us and each one of us. I know without a doubt that my word is my bond. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

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*(Applause)*

I want to invite the Clergy to pray before we adjourn.

*(The Clergy prayed)*

Thank you for the prayers. What we will do before the prayers conclude is I want to communicate that we will remain seated when I leave so that I come back and handle informal administrative discussions if any after which we will proceed to have our lunch and we will do as we individually please thereafter.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** *Sine die* is a Latin Word which means with no appointed date for resumption. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 25 on the Calendar this House adjourns *Sine die*.

The House rose at 12.05 p.m.