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SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21st April, 2015

1. The Senate met at 10:58 a.m. The Senate President read prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 16th April, 2015.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President read a letter from Che Chidi Chukwumerije on behalf of Late Senator Uche Chukwumerije's family (*Abia North*) as follows:

THE UCHE CHUKWUMERIJE FAMILY
Ngodo Isuochi, Abia State

Che Chidi Chukwumerije
33 Yedseram Street,
F.H.A Maitama,
Abuja.

22 April 2015

Your Excellency,
Sen. David A.B. Mark,
The Distinguished Senate President,
The Senate,
National Assembly Complex,
Abuja.

Your Excellency,

THE PASSING AWAY OF SEN. UCHE CHUKWUMERIJE

With total submission to the Will of God, I would like to use this opportunity to inform you, distinguished Senate President, and all the members of this distinguished Senate, of the demise of your friend and colleague, Sen. Uche Chukwumerije, the Senator representing Abia North Senatorial District in the 7th National Assembly. He passed away on Sunday, the 19th of April 2015 at the age of 76 after a gallant battle with lung cancer.

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Sen. Uche Chukwumerije was born in Ogoja in present day Cross River State on the 11th of January 1939. His was a life dedicated to public service. From his early days in the 1960s with the likes of the West African Pilot, the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation and the Daily Times, right up to the time his first election into the Senate in 2003, Sen. Uche Chukwumerije has consistently played key roles in shaping the course and character of our beloved country.

A three time ranking Senator in the Fourth Republic, a Minister of the Federal Government in the Third Republic, the National Publicity Secretary of the Peoples' Redemption Party (PRP) in the Second Republic, the Biafran Director of Propaganda in the Civil War, and an ardent socialist, activist and political commentator in the First Republic, Sen. Uche Chukwumerije's life and activities coincided with major movements in Nigerian history.

Therefore, with gratitude to God for a rich and remarkable life, we the members of the family of the distinguished Senator humbly invite this distinguished Senate to join us in celebrating the life of this great Nigerian.

The burial arrangements are as follows:

Night of Tributes
Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 at a venue to be announced in Abuja.

Wake-keep
Thursday, 21st May, 2015 at the Chukwumerije Family Compound, Ngodo, Isuochi, Abia State.

Church Service
Friday, 22nd May, 2015 at Wesley Cathedral Methodist Church, Ngodo, Isuochi, Abia State with internment to follow immediately afterwards at Uche Chukwumerije's Compound Ngodo, Isuochi.

Thank you, distinguished Senate President, for your kind consideration. Please, remain assured of my highest esteem and regard.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Che Chidi Chukwumerije
On behalf of the Uche Chukwumerije's Family

4. Demise of Senator Uche Chukwumerije (Abia North):
Motion made: That the Senate do now observe a minute silence in honour of Late Senator Uche Chukwumerije (*Abia North*) — *Senate Leader.*

Question put and agreed to.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

5. Adjournment:
Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn in honour of late Senator Uche Chukwumerije (*Abia North*) till Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. (*Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 11:17 *a.m.*

Dr. David A. B. Mark, GCON, fnim
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.