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The Parliament met at 2. p.m.; according to the terms of the Resolution of 15 February 2013

The Speaker (**Mr Theo Zurenuoc**) took the Chair and invited all members to join him in the Lords Prayer.

DEATH OF THE MEMBER FOR ANGORAM OPEN ELECTORATE – LATE MR LUDWIG SCHULZE, MP

Mr Speaker- I wish to inform Parliament that the casket containing the body of the late Mr Ludwig Schulze will shortly be admitted to the chamber and all honourable members with the concurrence of the Parliament with the pall bearers carrying the casket containing the body of the late Mr. Ludwig Schulze be admitted into the chamber

(All honorable Members stood in their places as the casket was admitted)

Mr SPEAKER – Honourable Members, you may now be seated.

MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

HON PETER O’NEIL (Ialibu- Pangia-PM)-I move –

That this Parliament expresses its deep regret at the death on 8 march 2013 of Mr. Ludwig Schulze MP, Member for Angoram and places on record its appreciation for his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

02/01

The late Mr Ludwig Schulze was first elected to the Fifth National Parliament for the Angoram Open seat in a by-election in October 1994 following the resignation of the then Member, Mr Philip Laki from Parliament. He was re-elected to the Ninth National Parliament for the same seat at the 2012 General Elections. He was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Privileges Committee.

Mr Speaker, the Government and the people of Papua New Guinea offer our sympathies to the people of Angoram and the family of the late Member. It saddens us that early into this term of Parliament we have lost one of our own.

Mr Speaker, no amount of words can fully express this loss. But let me say that our thoughts and prayers are with the late Member, his families and the people of Angoram. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr BELDEN NAMAH (Vanimo-Green - Leader of the Opposition) – I move –

That the Parliament take note of the motion.

On behalf of the Opposition and my family, I convey our deepest sympathy to the passing away of late Honourable Ludwig Schulze, Member for Angoram.

I have come to know late Ludwig in the last couple of months during elections and in the Ninth Parliament as the Member for Angoram. Being together in the Opposition, I find late Ludwig to be a very mature, intelligent man of integrity and had strong leadership qualities.

The Opposition Members and our families share with the families of late Ludwig and the people of Angoram the great loss of this fine leader. The man himself is soft spoken but when he is in meetings, he gives mature advice to young leaders who are with me in the Opposition.

Mr Speaker, we learnt of late Ludwig's illness in early September 2012. On the 10th of September, we had to medivac him from Boram General Hospital to Port Moresby for further medical care. On the 21st of September, 2012 he was transferred to Cairns Hospital under Intensive Care Unit. He returned home after the medical treatment in Cairns. But because of his desire to serve his people of Angoram he did not worry too much about his health. He went to the District to hold the JDP and BPC meetings. That is the strength and the drive this leader had

irrespective of his illness. When he returned he joined the Opposition and was attending the Parliament meetings with us before Parliament adjourned to this date.

I had the privilege of spending a few days with him before his passing. He came to my home and sat with me. He told me, he wanted to go back to the electorate to see some projects. I did not realise that two days later he was admitted again to the Hospital. As I returned from my electoral visit on the 8 of March, I received a call from the Hospital.

Mr Speaker, when I received the call, the caller said: "Sir, Mr Ludwig cannot go into operation unless the Medical Bills are paid in full. I told the person who called me to wait. About 45 minutes later I received another call that Ludwig had passed away.

03/01

I told the Deputy Opposition Leader who was with me at that time to rush to the hospital. I am really saddened at the loss of this great leader in his own right and the Member for Angoram. The Opposition Members with our families and the people we represent, wish to convey our deepest condolences to the families and the people of Angoram on the passing of the great leader, Honourable Ludwig Schulze.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr JOHN PUNDARI (Kompiam-Ambum – Minister Environment and Conservation) –

Mr Speaker, from the bottom of my heart, I want to pay my respects and condolences to the family of the Late Honourable Ludwig Schulze, Member for Angoram.

Mr Speaker, I don't know him personally but I have seen him and appreciated the fact that he was a colleague and Member of this Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I know a famous text in the Bible in Mark chapter 8, verse 36 that states 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul.'

Mr Speaker, one day, we will all be in a coffin like this and all of us will come together here and pay our respects.

Mr Speaker, I don't want to hide my age, I am 46 years old and I have 24 more years before I am 70 and I don't know how old the other Members of Parliament are. Most probably,

you can start calculating now how many more years you have left before you reach 70 or 80 years old. I have 34 more years before I reach 80.

Mr Speaker, whilst I have this good number of years of life left in me, what do I do as a leader of this country? How best do I lead my people? I believe this is a challenge while our brother lies before us.

Mr Speaker, there was a great politician in America that once said, 'Ask not your country can do for you but what you can do for your country'. That great leader passed on and he was that leader that led his country to have the first man set foot on the moon. That leader was President John F Kennedy.

Mr Speaker, whilst our brother lies before us, I think it is time that we re-examine and challenge ourselves on how best we can provide the leadership while in this age and possessing the youthful energy, experience and educational qualification. During our campaigns, we promise our people many things but when we come here, we seek wealth for ourselves rather than the things that can benefit our people.

Mr Speaker, here we are seeing someone before us pass on and the tears in my heart are the tears of the challenges I have, as to what I could do as the leader that my people can count on.

Mr Speaker, choosing public life to be a politician and a leader is not easy. We all have our critics. We have people who are our admirers and also people who want to destroy us but that is the life that we chose. We must know that one day, we will pass on like our brother.

Most of the time, we accumulate wealth that we cannot spend in our lifetime and when we pass on, we leave all these wealth behind. Some of these wealth are ill-gained; projects that cost US\$10 million, we deal behind the scene with contractors and developers and increase that figure to US\$50 million and at the end of the day when processes and systems have covered it all, we share the difference. The challenge is to know that we will be there in a coffin; what do we do? Do we want to continue to live and lead our people in that life?

Mr Speaker, let's look around here in this Chamber, one of us alive now will be the next to pass on.

04/01

Who will be after him? Now do we also continue to tarnish the good name of our brothers here on the floor of this Parliament? When we know that it is wrong and yet we rise up and criticise one and other. At the end of the day we criticize each other for nothing and when one of us passes on we come here and pay our last respect. It challenges us to be leaders of integrity.

Mr Speaker, that's all I have to say but remember this texts, "*For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul*". Maybe this text challenges each one of us as we pay our respect to a great leader who has passed on.

Mr LEO DION (East New Britain - Deputy Prime Minister & Inter-Government Relations) – Thank you Mr Speaker, I humbly stand here on this unfortunate time where we have lost one of our great leaders in this country and of course the people of Angoram and the people of New Guinea Islands Region.

The late Honourable Ludwig Schulze, Member of Parliament and Member for Angoram comes from New Ireland Province. He has a lot of relatives in New Guinea Islands Region and I happen to know this great man in the early 70s, when I was a young policeman in New Ireland Province. He was a man with a lot of strength both physically and mentally. He was raised up in a good environment and he was highly educated. Knowing him after so many years he became the member for Angoram in the East Sepik Province.

Mr Speaker, under the democracy of this country any one can hold public office no matter which province you come from. Therefore, the people of Angoram has recognised his leadership qualities and also his integrity and credibility and voted him to represent him to this ninth Parliament.

As the Deputy Prime Minister of this country, on behalf of the people and in support of what the Prime Minister, the Opposition Leader and the Ministers and Members of this Parliament and the extended families of the late Member in the New Guinea Islands Region, especially in the East New Britain and New Ireland send our heartfelt condolences to the families of the late Member and also the people from various levels of Angoram District of East Sepik Province.

Mr WILLIAM DUMA (Hagen Open- Minister for Petroleum & Energy) – Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Mount Hagen and United Resource Party, I take this opportunity to express my sincere heartfelt condolences to the immediate families of the late honourable Ludwig Schulze and to the people of Angoram.

Mr Speaker, all of us here were born to die and it's really heart breaking to witness a very sad event like this.

Mr Speaker, all of us here came through the same process and therefore the people of Angoram and members of his immediate family had a lot of confidence and trust in him and voted him to this Parliament hoping that he would serve them and likewise to all of us here. It is heart breaking to see one of our fellow colleague and leader leaving us early. Mr Speaker, as we all know God gives and takes away life.

I did not have the opportunity to get to know the late honourable Ludwig Schulze but in my brief encounter with him, I found him to be a man of credibility, a gentleman and determined man.

Mr Speaker, the late honourable Ludwig Schulze was first elected as a Member in 1994, in a by-election and lost the seat in the general election and got elected again in 2012 general election, it speaks volumes of a great leader like him which all of us has lost.

05/01

Mr Speaker, this Parliament is yet to serve its term and did not get to see the kind of leader he was during debates, I personally believe that he was a very strong leader, a gentle giant. His passing will be a great loss to this country. I believe he still has a lot to contribute.

Mr Speaker, it is very heartbreaking to know that there are people out there who worked very hard to make sure he returned to Parliament to serve his people. They will miss him. And of course, members of his immediate family, his children, brothers, and sisters, and others who had high hopes for him and looked up to him as a leader of this country.

It is very heartbreaking but as we all know, this is a decision that God makes and I take this opportunity once again to express my sincere condolences to the Members of his family and all of those who stood there with him during the National Elections.

Mr SAM BASIL (Bulolo) – I'd like to join the Prime Minister and the other Members of Parliament and on behalf of my people of Bulolo, PNG Party members and followers throughout the country, to convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to the late Honourable Ludwig Schulze

Mr Speaker, I happen to spend some time with the late honourable Member in Kokopo and in the Opposition ranks and I see that he is a very strong man. There are only two words I can describe him; he is a straight shooter and a humble man. We will miss him.

I believe that during some time we had together he spoke about what he was going to do for his electorate in Angoram. His untimely death through illness will take him away his dreams with but we will still remember him as a strong man who was ready to deliver for Angoram. The illness has denied him that opportunity.

Mr Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few things that I believe we should debate and have some answers for from the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of Parliament in the later part of the next sitting.

It is regarding the insurance scheme for Members of Parliament and also which hospital Members of Parliament should go to when they are sick.

During the Eight and part of the Ninth Parliament we have witnessed Members of Parliament having a hard time trying to get medical attention, medivac and fees paid.

Mr Speaker, this is very serious and as a Member of Parliament I am concerned and believe that many Members of Parliament sitting here are also concerned. I will leave that for the next time to debate on but it is very serious Mr Speaker, so I want you to take note of it and address this Parliament on this issue.

Goodbye, late Honourable Ludwig Schulze, we will still remember you in this Ninth Parliament.

Dr ALAN MARAT (Rabaul) – Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, this is a somber moment for all of us, Members of Parliament, as before us, lying in state, the body of the late Ludwig Schulze.

It is a serious reminder of our path in life. It is a serious reminder of our destiny. We were born and we will all die. Not only that, Mr Speaker, it is also a serious reminder of the calling

that each Member of Parliament has in his or her life. It is how we answer to the call, as Honourable Minister Pundari has mentioned. How do we answer this call on the Floor of this Parliament? We were called to lead.

Before God formed us in our mothers' wombs, he'd already known us and before we were born he'd already set us apart and there was a divine appointment upon our lives as individual Members of this Parliament to continue to speak righteousness and truth, as Minister Pundari was hinting at. It is how we answer the call.

06/01

I knew the late Ludwig Schulze for a short time. The last time we were sitting together was when the Opposition Leader asked him about something personal he evinced the strength in his answers and he had a very strong fighting spirit and showed so much strength in discussions and it is a pity that we are not going to see much of him during this term of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, I convey sincere condolences to the immediate family of the late Member for Angoram Mr Ludwig Schulze and the people of Angoram on behalf of the people of Rabaul District, my family and I bid him farewell before this Parliament.

Mr DON POLYE (Kandep-Minister for Treasury) –I also want to join my colleagues in sending sincere condolences to the family of the late Member and to the people of Angoram. I want to, on behalf of my family, the people of Kandep and THE Party convey our sincere condolences during your time of loss. I did not get to know him very well but I met him in the corridors of Parliament earlier this year and he said we must work together regardless of which side of the Floor we are on.

I told him it was a wise thing to do as nothing will be done if we do not work together.

The best way to remember those who pass away is to remember the good principles that they have or good deeds that we can remember them by. One of the good principles that the late member has left behind is the issue of working together.

When we work together good things and prosperity will come from this principle that he left us with. I join my colleagues to say that though he is not with us, today we have to remember him by working together.

Mr TITUS PHILEMON (Milne Bay) – I want to join my colleagues in expressing my sincere condolences on behalf of my family and the people of Milne Bay to the immediate family and the people of Angoram for the passing of the late Mr Ludwig Schulze.

I would like to on behalf of Sir Julius Chan, the Party Leader of the People's Progress Party and the Members of the Peoples' Progress Party and their families would like to convey our sincere condolences to the late Member and his family and also the people of Angoram. I came to know the late member when he became member in 1994 after the bi-election. Sometime later he joined the People's Progress Party and that is when I came to know him. Like many of us we have come into parliament and have left and have come back it is a clear sign of a leader who was very determined and that they want to do something for their people and the country.

07/01

Mr Speaker, I am always reminded of one thing whenever I am in the presence of a coffin. I am reminded that death is unavoidable and that all of us will meet it one day. We can avoid many things in life but that is one thing in life that we cannot avoid.

Mr Speaker, this occasion saddens me because the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz was a colleague of this Ninth Parliament.

Mr Speaker, once again, on behalf of my family, the government and people of Milne Bay and on behalf of Sir Julius Chan and the People's Progress Party with our supporters throughout this country wish his family, and, the people of New Ireland our sincere condolences.

Also not forgetting the people of Angoram who voted him back into Parliament, we also pass our sincere condolences. May my late brother rest in peace.

Thank you.

Mr BEN MICAH (Minister for Public Enterprises and State Investment) – Mr Speaker, I too would like to join the Prime Minister, the Leader for Opposition and other colleague Members of Parliament in the passing of condolences for the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz.

As the Member for Kavieng Open Electorate where the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz was born and comes from in the New Ireland Province, his province of origin and on behalf of its

people, we give our condolences to the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz's wife and children who are the most effected by his death in this time of grief and sorrow.

The people of Kavieng and I would also like to give our condolences to the people of Angoram who have twice now elected this man to Parliament for their loss. It is with great sorrow and regret that the people of Angoram have lost a good leader whom did not even complete 12 months into this Ninth Parliament.

Therefore, once again, on behalf of my family and I, the people of Kavieng and New Ireland Province I would like to give our condolences and that we are also grieving with the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz's family and the people of Angoram.

I came to know the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz and we became friends when we both served together in Parliament when he was elected to Parliament in 1994. He had served in some of the Parliamentary Committees as well as the State Minister for Police under the Chan-Haiveta Government. He had many qualities and showed that he was a unique person. He proved that leadership did not have to be along tribal or family lines. He proved among his in-laws and the people who adopted him as one of them and mandated him twice to be a Member of Parliament. This proved that he was capable of being their leader among the people of Angoram and East Sepik.

I saw this quality that he had when we served together when he was elected into Parliament in 1994. I had also given him support during his election and I developed a very close co-operation with him during the Elections and during the formation of government. At that time we called each other up and agreed that I would join the Government side while he would join the Opposition. We also agreed that even though we were on opposite sides we would work together in this Parliament. That was the relationship that we had and I am saddened that we both would and continue on to finish this term of Parliament.

As for the good work that he has done so far, I challenge the people of Angoram to choose a leader that deserve the support and confidence that the Late Honourable Ludwig Shultz also had. I challenge the people of Angoram to choose a leader to represent them and finish the good work that the Late Ludwig Shultz began.

Thank you.

08/01

Mr RICHARD MARU (Yangoru-Sausia Minister for Trade and Commerce Industry) - Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of my electorate, my family and the people of East Sepik, I rise to join my colleague Ministers and Members of Parliament to express sorrow at the passing of my late brother Honourable Ludwig Schulze.

I first met the man, when I was working with Shell Company as a young graduate working in Angoram, a town I grew up in and he was a very shrewd businessman.

Little did I realize, that this person was going to stay in Angoram and make East Sepik his home. As a matter of fact he also buried his elder brother in Angoram.

This is a leader that chose Angoram his home and it is a sad day for the people of East Sepik as we have lost a great leader.

When I was in primary school in Angoram, I can tell you that it was a far better place than what it is today with better infrastructure under the white man. If you go to Angoram now, it is a sad story on the status of the infrastructure and assets.

The people of Angoram made their choice to choose someone that literally dwells among them in Angoram because they wanted to see change and they wanted service. They mandated this man to represent their cries in Parliament.

Today, with his passing, this man has taken all the hopes, cries and pain of the Angoram people.

Mr Speaker, Angoram people gave us the first Prime Minister of this nation through our Grand Chief, Sir Michael Somare and his son the former Minister for State Enterprises who contributed much to this nation.

Let me take this opportunity to appeal to the Works Minister that Angoram does not even have a road to go up to from Wewak. During heavy rain and bad weather, the least we could do as a Government of the Ninth Parliament is bring electricity up that way so that we can fix that road to fulfill the hopes of those people who gave the Late Ludwig Schulze the mandate.

Honourable Prime Minister, I appeal to you, that this man represents the plight of the East Sepik people in Angoram and it would be a joy to the people if some of their aspirations are fulfilled in this Term of Parliament.

Mr Speaker, despite the enormous contributions of leaders of Angoram we have left these people with bare bones and nothing tangible.

In conclusion, I would like to say farewell my friend and let me assure your people and your family that as long as I am a Minister, I will work with my colleague Ministers in this Government to bring some changes to Angoram finally as a token of respect for a great leader that lies before us.

Sir PUKA TEMU (Abau Minister for Public Services) – Mr Speaker, I wish to join the Prime Minister and the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and other leaders, in conveying to the immediate family and relatives of the late Honourable Ludwig Schulze, condolences from the people of Abau, my family and my Ministry.

Mr Speaker, only eight months ago we celebrated our election victories but today is a very sad occasion because only 8 months down the line and 4 years to go, Angoram has lost their leader after that excitement period.

On behalf of Our small Political Party, Our Development Party and the people of Abau, I pass our deepest heartfelt sorrow to the people of Angoram and in particular those who worked very hard to support him in the last election. I am pretty sure that if it had happened in other electorates it would be a very sad moment and an occasion where it is really a big loss.

Mr Speaker, there is no doubt Angoram would miss the late Honourable Ludwig Shulz who would have demonstrated his leadership like all of us for the next four years.

Mr Speaker, it saddens me that if on the occasion of his death our national health system did not deliver, than we have to make sure that it does.

09/01

Mr Speaker, being a medical doctor I am also scared if I have a heart attack and I am brought to the Port Moresby General Hospital, will the system that I help to build rescue me?

On that occasion it is our prayer that the peace of God will be with the wife and the family, the children and the grand children and it is our prayer that you will have the strength as you go through this very sad moment.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Abau may I say your soul rest in eternal peace.

Motion – That the condolences motion be noted – agreed to.

Mr SPEAKER – In respect to the late honourable gentleman I now invite all honourable Members to rise in your places.

(All honourable members present rise in their places as a mark of respect to the memory of the late gentlemen).

Mr SPEAKER- Honourable Members should now rise in their places for the casket to leave the Chamber.

Honourable Members be seated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (by **Mr James Marabe**) agreed to –

That the Parliament do now adjourn.

The Parliament adjourned at 3.20 p.m..