

SUPPORTING TRIBUTE TO PARLIAMENT ON THE LATE HON SIMON ABINGYA BY HONOURABLE SARAH A. SAFO, MP FOR DOME/KWABENYA - 23 MARCH, 2017

Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I rise to also add my voice to the tribute to the late Hon Simon Abingya and our hearts pour out to the family. Indeed, Ghana has lost a great son; someone who has served his nation, who has been part of this august House before and who has served as a Hon Deputy Minister for Mines and Energy. He is no more here today with us humans.

It is only fair and in the right direction that we celebrate great men who have contributed their quota to the development of our great nation. I believe that if we do so, we would instil in our children and the youth, the spirit of patriotism and the spirit of service to the nation. Many at times because of the hectic nature of public service, we do not allocate enough time for ourselves, especially on health issues. Mr Speaker, statistics have shown that the blood pressure of many Hon Members of Parliament are alright when they enter the House; but as they leave, their blood pressure shoots up.

Inasmuch as we want to serve the people to the greatest of our ability, we should also make time to take care of our health, go for routine checks, exercise a lot and also be proud of ourselves. This is because, if we are not healthy, we cannot serve our nation the way we would want to. Mr Speaker, on this note, I would again want to offer my condolence to the family of Hon Simon Abingya and to his constituents, his region and once again, to this great nation. Indeed, we would miss him. We have lost one man, who we would have shared a lot of experiences with, and pieces of advice to many of us who are young in politics.

Mr Speaker, but all the same, everything that happens, the Holy Scripture says that we must give thanks and praise to the Almighty God. We thank Him for his life, and for impacting many positives on the lives of others. We pray that; indeed, he rests in the bosom of the Almighty and sits on the right-hand side of the Almighty God.

Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.