

**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY PAYING TRIBUTE TO RT. HON. JACOB OULANYAH FORMER SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA**

*(Moved under Articles 49, and 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly)*

**WHEREAS** the Rt. Hon. Jacob L'Okori Oulanyah, served as the Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda from 24th May 2021 until his sudden demise on 20th March 2022;

**WHEREAS** the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah served as Deputy Speaker of the 9th and 10th Parliament of Uganda from May 2011 until May 2021 when he was elected Speaker and represented the constituency of Omoro County in [Omoro District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omoro_District), [Acholi sub-region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acholi_sub-region), in the [Northern Region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Region,_Uganda) of Uganda;

**AND WHEREAS** at the time of his death in March, 2022, the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah was a member of the East African Community Speakers’ Bureau and a member of the Board of Trustees of the East African Parliamentary Institute, which is one of the institutions of the Community;

**RECOGNISING** the contribution of the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah to democracy in Uganda, the East African Community and the African Continent as a respected legislator, a believer in regional integration and a Pan-Africanist;

**FURTHER RECOGNISING** the contribution of the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah to the transition by Uganda from the no-political party or Movement Political System of governance to the multiparty system during the 7th Parliament of Uganda in which as Chairperson of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, he diligently steered the Parliament of Uganda in making the necessary amendments to the Constitution and the electoral reforms to entrench the democratic transformation;

**APPRECIATING** the contribution of the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah to peace in Uganda and the region through his efforts during the peace talks between the [government of Uganda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Uganda) and the [Lord's Resistance Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord%27s_Resistance_Army) rebels;

**GRATEFUL** to the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah for therich legacy and indelible imprint he left on parliamentary and participatory democracy, good governance, rule of law and accountability;

**HONOURING** the Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah for his resolute and exemplary leadership throughout his tenure as Deputy Speaker and Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda which was characterized by punctuality and dedication to social justice;

**COGNISANT** of the provisions of Article 49 (2) (d) of the Treaty, which empowers the Assembly to discuss any matter pertaining to the Community;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS FOLLOWS: -**

**THAT** in accordance with Article 49 of the Treaty, the Assembly:

1. Pays tribute to the Rt. Hon. Jacob L'Okori Oulanyah former Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda;
2. Honours and recognises the distinguished service of the Rt. Hon. Jacob L'Okori Oulanyah to the Republic of Uganda and the East African Community;
3. Commiserates with the people and Government of Uganda and the family of the Rt. Hon. Jacob L'Okori Oulanyah upon the passing of the distinguished and illustrious son of East Africa.

**Moved by:** HON JAMES KAKOZA

**Seconded by:** HON ADAM OMAR KIMBISA