TRIBUTE BY THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, SPORTS & CULTURE TO THE LATE COACH HERBERT ADDO

Mr. Speaker,

The news of the demise of coach Herbert Addo was received with deep grief by the Select Committee on Youth, Sports & Culture considering that another national coach has been lost following the proximate demise of many of his contemporaries in the recent past.

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Herbert Addo’s impressive coaching life spanning close to four decades would fondly be remembered for his enormous deeds in Ghana’s football. Having coached most of our nation’s Premier League Clubs, Herbert Addo lighted the Premiership with brilliant display of both tactical and technical mastery of the game crowning it with an unprecedented five gold with four premiership sides on different occasions. Such was his legendary status that will continue to linger on.

Mr. Speaker,

Mr. Addo’s exploits with our National teams cannot also be underestimated. His vast knowledge and experience in the game landed him the head coach of the Black Meteors (1981-1982), the Black Satellites (1983-1984) and ultimately the Black Stars (1984-1986) and (2010-2011). Herbert Addo’s remarkable exploits with the National teams was rightfully crowned with the enviable SWAG coach of the year award in 1987.

Mr. Speaker,

We have once again gathered to mourn and bid farewell to yet another football legend whose contribution to football will be appreciated with immense gratitude.
Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of Government and the people of Ghana, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Select Committee for Youth, Sports & Culture, commiserate with the family of Mr. Herbert Addo on this unfortunate loss. May the good Lord grant the family the fortitude to bear and go through these difficult moments.

Mr. Speaker, we all should remember that, “At the end of the day, it isn’t where we came from. Maybe home is somewhere we are going and never been before.”

Fare thee well Coach!

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