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Gaudeamus Igitur
Gaudeamus igitur,
Juvenes dum sumus;
Post iucundum iuventutem,
Post molestam senectutem
Nos habebit humus.
Vivat academia,
Vivant professores,
Vivat membrum quodlibet,
Vivat membra quaelibet;
Semper sint in flore!

English

Let us rejoice, therefore,
While we are young.
After a pleasant youth
After a troubling old age
The earth will have us.
Long live the academy!
Long live the professors!
Long live each student;
Long live the whole fraternity;
For ever may they flourish!

Sesotho sa Leboa

Ka gona, a re thabeng,
Re sa le ba bafsa.
Ka morago ga bofsa bjo bo bose
Ka morago ga go tšofala mo go nago
le mathata
Lefase le tla ba le rena.
Phela thuto phela!
Phelang diprofesa phelang!
Phelang baithuti phelang;
Phela kagišano ka botlalo phela;
O ka re ba ka phela gabotse
goyagoile!

Afrikaans

Laat ons dan vrolik wees,
Terwyl ons jonk is;
Na 'n aangename jeug.
Na 'n onaangename oudag,
Sal die aarde ons hou.
Lank lewe die universiteit,
Lank lewe die professore,
Lank lewe elke student,
Lank lewe al die studente,
Mag hulle vir ewig hul jeug behou!

Zulu

Ngakho, masithokoze
Sisebasha nje.
Emva kobumnandi bobusha
Emva kwezinkinga zobudala
Umhlaba uzosithatha.
Phambili ngemfundo!
Phambili boSolwazi!
Phambili nakuwe mfundi;
Phambili ngenhlangano yonke;
Maziqhubeke ngonaphakade!

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2. Doctor Legum honoris causa (Honorary Doctor of Laws)

Williams-De Bruyn, Sophia Theresa

Williams-De Bruyn, Sophia Theresa (LLD *(hc)*)

Sophia Theresa Williams-De Bruyn was born in 1938 in Villageboard, a culturally mixed community in Port-Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape. Although she dropped out of school at an early age to work in a textile factory, she later became an executive member of the Textile Workers Union in Port-Elizabeth, working alongside the likes of Raymond Mhlaba, Vuyisile Mini and Govan Mbeki. It must be noted that during this time, women's rights to equality were not recognised or protected and women representing previously disadvantaged groups were particularly vulnerable. Women from disadvantaged groups faced discrimination on multiple levels, including at home, in communities and in the workplace. The invaluable role of women as caregivers in communities was not recognised or valued. When our Constitution took root more than two decades ago our society was deeply divided, vastly unequal and uncaring of human worth. Sophia Theresa Williams-De Bruyn's contribution to the struggle of women in South Africa is remarkable as it represents the progress towards a democratic South Africa that recognises the values of human dignity and equality of everyone.

Her struggle for freedom and equality led to her participation in the Workers Union and this sparked her interest in greater political involvement. Sophia Williams-De Bruyn was the founding member of the South African Congress of Trade Unions (SACTU, which would later evolve into the more well-known organisation COSATU) and, in the 1950s, she was appointed as the full-time organiser of the Coloured People's Congress in Johannesburg after the promulgation of the Population Registration Act. Her involvement in labour organisations, representing and articulating the grievances of workers contributed to the establishment of a constitutional framework that protects the rights of all workers.

Along with other extraordinary women, such as Lilian Ngoyi, Rahima Moosa, Helen Joseph, Albertina Sisulu, and Bertha Gxowa, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn was instrumental in the organisation of the Women's

March held on 9 August 1956, where 20 000 women marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria protesting the pass laws imposed on women. At the tender age of 18 years, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn was the youngest of the brave women leading the march. It was the first time that women of all races united for freedom and equality against the oppressive laws. Today she is the only remaining living leader who took part in this historic event. Although the pass laws were only repealed some 30 years later, the Women's March of 1956 may be seen as an important turning point for South African women in the struggle for the recognition of constitutional values such as a non-racial and non-sexist democratic society.

The participation of these courageous women, at a time when their civil and political rights were not recognised, paved the way for ordinary women to make their voices heard. At this time they were discriminated against based on race, class and gender and did not enjoy equal protection of the law. They undertook this protest, despite the threat of imprisonment. Although the issues fought for at this stage, were not resolved, it laid the foundation for the recognition and protection of women's rights, including rights, such as equality, human dignity, the right to assemble, freedom of association, freedom of expression and the right of freedom and security of the person. When asked why she took part in the march, she replied: "for our children".

Throughout her life, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn has been dedicated to the struggle for equality and women's rights. During the apartheid era, she was appointed as the secretary of the ANC Women's League. In the post-apartheid era, former President Thabo Mbeki appointed her as a commissioner at the Commission for Gender Equality before she became a member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature in 2004, where she served as deputy speaker from 2005 until 2009. Hereafter she was elected to serve as a member of the National Assembly. As part of the Commission, she could ensure that the practical implementation of gender equality was realised through policy developments, public education, legislative initiatives and enforcement of our constitutional values and rights. As a

member of the National Assembly, she became an active participant in the democratic legislative process and through this process, she could contribute to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women in general.

During her lifetime, she has been honoured with various prestigious awards. These include the Ida Mntwana Award in Silver for exceptional service rendered to the women of South Africa which was awarded in 1999, the 2001 Women's Award for exceptional national service, a Commendation Certificate for having demonstrated devotion and loyalty to South Africa, as well as the Mahatma Gandhi Award for her extraordinary contribution to the establishment of democracy in South Africa (presented by former President Thabo Mbeki) in 2001. In 2018 the University of Johannesburg honoured Sophia Williams-De Bruyn with the Ellen Kuzwayo Council Award for her activism and sustained commitment to human rights in South Africa.

In Sophia Williams-De Bruyn we, therefore, have a national icon and champion of human rights and female equality worthy of veneration. Her efforts resonated in the improvement of the living conditions of the people of South Africa. In the current context of the continued debate on and struggle for the empowerment of women in the workplace, politics and social interactions, Sophia Williams-De Bruyn's contribution to the empowerment and the rights of women resonate both locally and globally. Her status in South African society as a political activist and champion of women's rights is nothing short of iconic.

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National Anthem of South Africa

Nkosi sikelel' Afrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,

Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika - South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.