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A TRIBUTE TO NTATE ISAAC MOGASE

To Mme Mogase, Mutle and the Mogase Family,

I was saddened by the news of the passing on of Ntate Mogase, a gentle, quiet and unassuming leader of our democratic movement.

Most of us were inspired by his patience, determination and tenacity in organizing our communities. We will continue to be inspired by his practical approach in resolving people's problems. Ntate Comrade Isaac Mogase will be remembered for the role he played in community struggles in Alexander and Soweto. Comrade Mogase endeavoured to build communities through a variety of means such as sports (football), church, support to educational endeavors and the establishment of civic associations. It is through these avenues that Ntate Mogase sought to build and strengthen organisations in the townships. This resulted in people gaining confidence in their ability to solve their own problems. As community activists in Durban, we had to learn and share with comrade Mogase, the skills of organizing and mobilizing communities with resources at our disposal. Comrade Mogase and his colleagues in Soweto did a lot of work in responding to the education crisis in the 1980's.

In 1985, Comrade Mogase was instrumental in the establishment of the Soweto Parents' Crisis Committee (SPCC). It was in this period that the idea of people's education for people's power occupied centre stage in our democratic struggle. In this regard, a national conference was held in Durban to resolve the education crises that had engulfed the country. In him and through him, we gained a lot of insight on how to build people's strong organisations in our townships. This laid the basis for the formation of the United Democratic Front (UDF). Comrade Mogase was a humble and courageous community leader. As a recognition of his lifetime work, he was made the 1st Mayor of the City of Johannesburg in the democratic era. It has been through standing on the shoulders of giants such as Ntate Mogase, that we secured our freedom and are able to conduct our politics in a New, Non-racial, United and Non-sexist South Africa. Let us not, through our action reverse such a great achievement. His efforts must not be in vain. Comrade Mogase was a role model of our community struggles. His memory must continue to inspire a new generation of activists whose sole purpose is to renew and regenerate our organisation, the ANC, as we protect and advance our democracy; eliminate poverty and tackle inequality among our people.

Rest in Peace Cde Mogase!

Sincerely,

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