

STATEMENT BY HON. ADELAIDE NTIM (MP FOR NSUTA-KWAMANG-BEPOSO) ON THE PASSING OF LEGENDARY MUSICIAN, CHARLES KWADWO FOSU (DADDY LUMBA)

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak on a matter of deep national grief, the passing of one of Ghana's most iconic and influential musicians, Charles Kwadwo Fosu, widely known as Daddy Lumba (DL).

Mr. Speaker, Daddy Lumba was from Nsuta Eko (in the Sekyere Central District), representing the Nsuta Kwamang Beposo Constituency of the Ashanti Region. His musical journey began modestly, starting with his participation in school and church choirs. It later took him to Germany, where he teamed up with Nana Acheampong to release the groundbreaking track "Yɛɛɛ Aka Akwantuo Mu," a song that launched a career lasting over three decades.

Mr. Speaker, Daddy Lumba was more than a singer; he was a cultural icon. His music spanned generations, touching on themes of love, life, hardship and celebration. He voiced the everyday experiences of Ghanaians, becoming a household name across the country and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, his contributions to Ghana's music industry are invaluable. He was a pioneer of highlife and hiplife genres, mentoring many prominent artists. His sound evolved, yet his authenticity always remained intact.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the chiefs and people of the Nsuta-Kwamang-Beposo Constituency, the entire Sekyere Central District, and especially the Paramount Chief of the Nsuta Traditional Area, Nana Asamoah Gyamfi Sekyere II, I call upon this House and the nation to mourn with us.

Mr. Speaker, Ghana has lost a legend, but his legacy endures. I humbly appeal to this Honourable House and the government to consider awarding national honors, including a state-assisted funeral, and establishing initiatives to preserve and promote his musical legacy.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn, we also celebrate a life that touched millions. Let us remember Charles Kwadwo Fosu not just with tears, but with pride for the gift he was to our nation. May his soul rest in perfect peace. Damirifa due, Kwadwo.

I am grateful Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity.