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NORTH WEST HONOUR MINISTER SIGCAU

The North West Province today celebrated the life and contribution of the late Minister Stella Sigcau towards rural development and transformation of the construction and properties sectors at a Memorial Service held in her honour at the Mmabatho Convention Centre in the North West Provincial capital of Mafikeng.

Tributes and Messages of condolences from National and Provincial government departments described the late Minister as a visionary leader, a change agent, a revolutionary stalwart, a mother to the nation, a champion of humanity, dignity, freedom, and stubborn resistance against overwhelming odds. She was also remembered as a true friend of the working class, a development activist committed to the struggle for liberation and emancipation of all the people.

Premier Molewa's message read by the newly appointed Head of Department for the Provincial Department of Public Works, Mr. Obakeng Mongale saluted Minister Sigcau as a soldier and a combatant for liberation and social transformation.



MEC for Public Works, Howard Yawa described her as selfless community worker, a courageous and remarkable servant of the people who fought illness with bravery to serve rural communities, the poor and the marginalised.

Messages of condolence were also read from the Portfolio Committee on Public Works in the North West Provincial legislature, the Executive Mayors of the Central District Municipality and the Mafikeng Local municipality.

Meanwhile, a farewell motorcade and float in honour of the late Minister Stella Sigcau will travel through the street of Mafikeng, Montshiwa and Mmabatho on Tuesday 16 May 2006 as her funeral coincides with the Public Works Budget Speech to be tabled by MEC Yawa in the Provincial legislature.

The memorial service organised jointly by the Mmabatho Regional Office of the National Department of Public Works and the North West Department of Public Works was attended by hundreds of public servants from Provincial and National Departments and members of the public.

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