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TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE ROYAL FATHER

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The Federation of Ikun-Ekiti Descendants Union Overseas (FIDUO) proudly remembers Oba A. A. Awojobi as an accomplished monarch in contemporary history of Ikun-Ekiti. His demise clearly marked the end of a remarkable era in Ikun-Ekiti.

Kabiyesi Oba A. A. Awojobi was the first Onikun and the first monarch in Mobaland with a high school education. He was the first Ikun-Ekiti indigene to graduate from the prestigious Christ School, Ado-Ekiti (1947-1952). He was the first Ikun-Ekiti indigene to be employed as a Trained Confidential Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Establishment, Lagos (1953-1956). He was also the first to ascend the throne of Onikun as a bachelor in 1957 at a relatively young age of 27.

Oba A. A. Awojobi was a brilliant, charismatic, handsome, strong-willed, fearless, courageous and uncompromising defender of the interests and rights of Ikun-Ekiti. His reign witnessed significant peace, harmony and progress in many aspects of Ikun community. Under his royal leadership, Ikun-Ekiti attracted modern educational and health care institutions, pipe borne water and electricity supplies, construction of Ero Dam, establishment of Ikun Dairy Farm, Police Station, Post office, and Court house. Many Ikun indigenes excelled in their different areas of human endeavor during his reign. Under the leadership of the Kabiyesi, Ikun was a leader in education and medical achievement and his motivation produced the first Medical doctor and first Ph.D. in Science Education in Moba, in persons of Late Dr. Olukayode S. Omotunde and Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide, respectively.

Perhaps, the most significant legacy of the Kabiyesi was his pioneering role as a freedom fighter, who unilaterally liberated his people from the oppression and subservient treatment by the supreme monarch – the Oore of Otun. It was in recognition of his fearless and huge sacrifices toward the emancipation and freedom of his people that he was given the title “EKUN OKO MOBA” (Lion of Moba). By virtue

of his resilience and forthrightness, the Kabiyesi also overcame a major community political turbulence in the mid 60s.

FIDUO greatly appreciates Kabiyesi's genuine love and recognition of our contributions to the socio-economic and political development of our fatherland. In appreciation of this gesture, FIDUO invited him and celebrated his 75th Anniversary Birthday in New York, USA in 2004. He also had a formal meeting with FIDUO to resolve some differences within the organization to ensure the peace, unity and progress of FIDUO. During his visit, the Kabiyesi was given a special award by the City of New York, in recognition of his community leadership.

FIDUO also appreciates the Kabiyesi for recognizing the outstanding contributions to Ikun community development by four of its members along with their wives, and for honoring them with chieftaincy titles during his 50th coronation anniversary in 2007. The honorees are as follows, in alphabetical order: Chief Michael Abosede Awoyemi (Bobagunwa of Ikun-Ekiti); Chief (Mrs.) Rose Awoyemi (Eyegbadegun of Ikun-Ekiti); Chief (Dr.) Gabriel Sunday Bomide, PhD (Mayegun of Ikun-Ekiti); Chief (Mrs.) Margaret Adebola Bomide (Yeyefiwajoye of Ikun-Ekiti); Chief Johnson Ayanlola Kolawole (Otunba of Ikun-Ekiti); Chief (Mrs.) Ebunola Abiola Kolawole (Yeyebobajiro of Ikun-Ekiti); Late Chief (Dr.) Olukayode Samuel Omotunde, MD (Oluomo of Ikun-Ekiti); and Chief (Mrs.) Esther Opeyemi Omotunde (Yeye Oluomo of Ikun-Ekiti).

It is gratifying that the sovereignty and prominence that Ikun-Ekiti enjoys today was as a result of the selfless sacrifices made by Oba A. A. Awojobi. It behooves all Ikun natives to emulate the exemplary life of the Kabiyesi, so as to move our community to the next level for greater peace, harmony and progress. May his soul rest in peace with the Lord.

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