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AL JAMA-AH honours veteran journalist in Western Cape Provincial Parliament

The Al Jama-ah Party has honoured veteran anti-apartheid and award-winning journalist Ms Zubeida Jaffer in a Motion Without Notice (MWN) submitted to the Western Cape Provincial Parliament for tomorrow's sitting.

The MWN highlights Jaffer's achievements over the years during very challenging times and the University of Stellenbosch award of Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) honoris causa degree to be conferred on her at the university's end-of-graduation-week early next month.

Jaffer is one of five distinguished individuals to receive this highest accolade of the university's 2022 graduation cycle. Al Jama-ah's Member of the Western Cape Legislature, Hon Galil Brinkhuis says the party is happy to see that institutions like University of Stellenbosch are recognising our struggle veterans in all fields.

"During the anti-apartheid struggle Ms Jaffer was one of few Black journalists who dared to expose the atrocities of apartheid in her writings as a journalist. She endured torturing and detention as an anti-apartheid activist. We are proud of her and encourage upcoming journalists to be inspired by the sacrifices Ms Jaffer and other black journalists made in the liberation struggle," says Brinkhuis.

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MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Motion on the Award to Ms Zubeida Jaffer

1. Notes the University of Stellenbosch award of Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) honoris causa degree to be conferred on Ms Zubeida Jaffer.
2. Further notes that this award-winning journalist is from Wynberg.
3. Recognises that she is one of five distinguished individuals to receive this highest accolade of Stellenbosch University in the 2022 graduation cycle.
4. Further recognises that she started her career at the Cape Times daily newspaper in 1980.
5. Acknowledges her role as a black journalist often arrested and tortured for writing about the brutality of the apartheid system.
6. Further acknowledges despite the security risks, that she assisted in developing local community newspapers such as Grassroots during the anti-apartheid struggle.
7. Recognises that she was also the founding editor of Independent Newspapers' Parliamentary Bureau, serving 14 newspapers across South Africa.
8. Further recognises that she was the first woman in Africa to have won the coveted foreign journalist award from the National Association of Black Journalists in the United States.
9. Acknowledges that her work has earned her several local and international awards including the Achiever Award from a leading Cape Town community newspaper, Muslim Views.
10. Further acknowledges she is also an author of several books and her own memoirs.

I so move that the house congratulates Ms Zubeida Jaffer.

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