



## **Remarks by Her Worship, Mayor Zandile Gumede at Mile Funeral**

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- Programme Director,
- Former Mayors present,
- Amakhansela akhona,
- Abefundisi abakhona,
- Umndeni,
- Amaqembu akhona ahlukene,
- Abangani
- Izihlobo,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,
- Mndeni wakwaMile,

We would like to take this opportunity and greet all of you in the name of the African National Congress and eThekweni Municipality. We have gathered here to bid farewell to a fellow soldier and comrade of ours.

Although he was born in Matatiela in the village of Chibini – Mr Mile served the people of eThekweni with dignity and honour. He was the first black Mayor of Durban Central before we formed the eThekweni Metro or Durban Metro.

Although he was deployed by the IFP but Mr Mile knew very well that for the total liberation of our people ANC was the best vehicle. He later joined ANC and we are proud that today we are bidding a fellow comrade. When he joined ANC he never caused any single problem for the ANC and was never brought into disciplinary processes. He was active in his branch as the member. ANC was formed by the people and it is a home for all. We will continue to recruit people to join the people's movement.

Mr Mile worked well with many comrades including the former Mayor – Comrade Theresa Mthembu. He had no issue with working with women comrade. In fact, he supported our view that women should this city and the country.

As a business man, Mr Mile was never mentioned in any scandal or corruption. He didn't use his network to corrupt comrades.

There are many lessons that we should all learn from the life that was lived by Mr Mile. He was independent and focused in life. The mere fact that he started as security but ended up with a security company tells us that this was man of vision.

He was always hungry for better opportunities. I hope young people will take a leaf from his life and start emulating the life of Mr Mile.

We are proud to have been part of his life when he was still alive. Now that he is gone, but his memory will live with us.

Kuvuka amazwi enkondlo athi :

“Ewu hhe, umhlaba kawunoni.

Umhlaba kawujabuli, yeka ubuhle obungaka osewabugwinya, yeka ubuhle obungaka osabuqukethe, maye umhlaba kawunoni, maye umhlaba kawubongi.”

Emndeni ngithi asethembela KuJehova, ‘UNkulunkulu Wenduduzo Yonke. Njengokusho kukaPawuli kuMakhorinte – lapho ethi :

**“Makadunyiswe uNkulunkulu noYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wesihe noNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke.”**

Induduzo yonke izovela kuNkulunkulu. Ezikhathini ezinzima kumele sibhekise amahlo ethu kuJehova ngoba uyena owaziyo futhi uyena okwazi ukupholisa amangxeba. Singakhuluma kuze kuse kodwa umuntu okwazi ukusiduduzwa uyedwa – uNkululunkulu. Yena uyazi ukuthi uzokwenzenjani ukuze simelane nalesisikhathi esinzima.

Duduzekani.

Long live the spirit of Comrade Mile Long Live!!