

I'm not a robot!

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Where do I begin to write about Ukpabi Asika? What and how do I write about him? I knew him for forty-eight years in many ways, as a fellow undergraduate going and arguing far into the night, as a fellow lecturer and bon vivant in senior common rooms and seminar halls, as an adversary in the mad days of the civil war, as my boss in the Government of the East Central State in the years of reconciliation, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and always as a friend.

I know that my deep sense of loss on his passing is nothing compared to the devastation felt by his beloved wife, children and grandchildren. I know that the country mourns the loss of one of its greatest sons. But this isn't the time for mourning. When Ukpabi Asika became the Ajie Ukadigwu of Onitsha he was usually inducted into the ranks of the "Immortals". Immortals do not die; he has no death to be mourned. Rather, we can and must celebrate his life and his achievements.

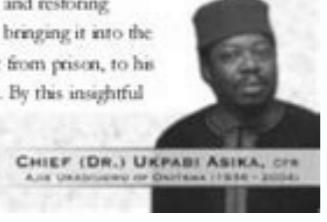
I first met Ukpabi Asika as a fellow undergraduate at Itaadan and we were drawn to each other by our mutual respect for independent and unconventional thinking, a passion for intellectual discourse and yet a shared love of privacy and personal reserve. Soon friends, we became part of a small coterie of "angry intellectuals" who dismissed the fads and passions of undergraduate life and often presumed to dispute the wisdom of our lectures and debate the posturing of our political leaders.

After our graduate studies many of us returned to Itaadan, into a changed political climate soon to degenerate into coup and military rule. We established and tried to keep going an island of reasoned dialogue amidst a maelstrom of sectional strife, but not for long. When it came to the crunch, every one had to go their own way. Ukpabi Asika went the Federal way, I the Biafran way. But we had argued the issues exhaustively, and while neither shared the other's way we appreciated and respected the honesty and integrity of their position.

Ukpabi Asika did not do things by halves. When he was called upon to lead the government of the federally controlled East Central State he accepted the challenge. We know from the records that he kept a cool head, was a moderating influence in the federal conduct of the war and governed the territories under him with fairness and compassion. At the end of the strife he was instrumental in the amalgamation of the history principle of "No Victor, No Vanquished".

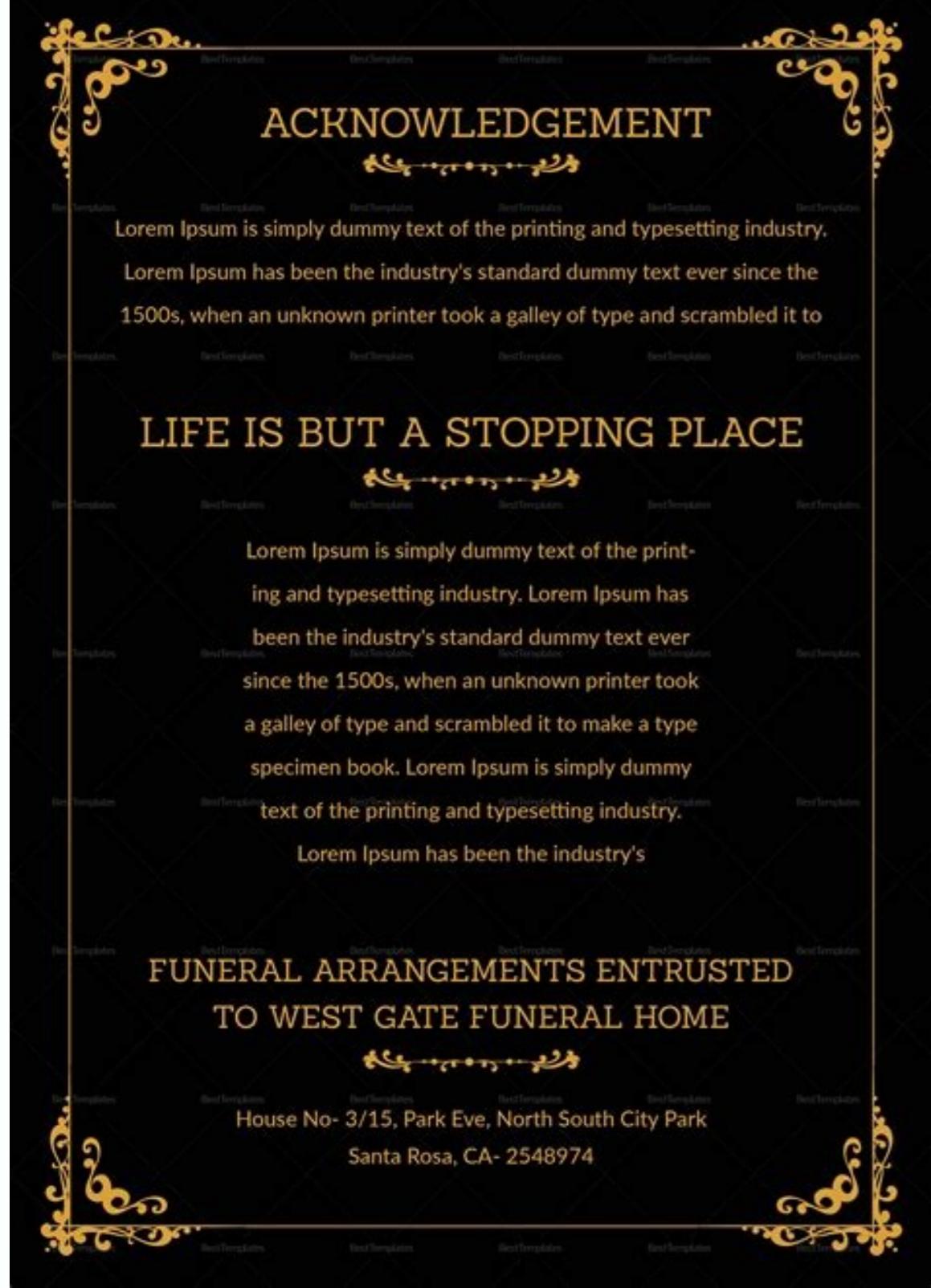
Having been vested with the full authority of military governor, as Administrator of the East Central State, this quintessential political scientist shouldered the responsibility of reasoning and restoring confidence to a traumatised people, erasing the scars of war, rebuilding the state and bringing it into the mainstream of national life. I was shocked when he invited me, an arch rebel straight from prison, to his Cabinet only to find that most of my new colleagues were also from the Biafran side. By this insightful

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Palm Street Library will designate our reading room as the Josie Radcliffe Memorial Room. Therefore, be it resolved that the Palm Street Library will appoint a diversity coordinator to continue Josie's efforts. The Palm Street Library of Monterey offers its condolences to the family of Josie Radcliffe and shares a favorite quote of hers from Toni Morrison: "If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it." Respectfully submitted by the staff of the Palm Street Library. For a child who died Resolution in Remembrance of Chloe Irwin We, the staff of Bennett Episcopal School, pay our respects to our gifted student, Chloe Irwin. Whereas Chloe was well-loved by her teachers and peers. Whereas Chloe was an unparalleled leader in the school. Whereas Chloe was a loving sister and daughter and a friend to anyone in need of a friend. Whereas Chloe was a well-rounded athlete who excelled in basketball, tennis, and long-distance running. Whereas Chloe demonstrated brilliance and compassion beyond her years. Therefore, be it resolved that Bennett Episcopal School will establish a scholarship in Chloe Irwin's name. Therefore, be it resolved that the Bennett Episcopal School will dedicate a bench to Chloe Irwin in the Bennett Episcopal School student garden. Bennett Episcopal School offers its heartfelt condolences to the family of Chloe Irwin and shares a verse from her favorite song: "When the sharpest words wanna cut me down/I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out/This is brave, this is proof/This is who I'm meant to be, this is me." Respectfully submitted by the staff of Bennett Episcopal School. For a prominent community or public figure Resolution in Loving Memory of Dr. Theodore Green We, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, pay our respects to dedicated parishioner Dr. Theodore Green. Whereas Theodore was integral in contributing to the spiritual and physical wellness of his fellow parishioners. Whereas Theodore was a faithful attendee of the church. Whereas Theodore served his fellow parishioners and the community at large by volunteering his services at a free clinic. Whereas Theodore was a gifted and engaging storyteller. Whereas Theodore treated his responsibility as a healer with the utmost respect.



Therefore, be it resolved that the Trinity Lutheran Church will encourage parishioners to visit people in hospice care in need of companionship in honor of Dr. Theodore Green. Therefore, be it resolved that the Trinity Lutheran Church will continue Dr. Theodore Green's great works. Trinity Lutheran Church of Denver offers its sincerest condolences to the family of Dr. Theodore Green and shares a Bible verse in his honor: John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Humbly submitted by the officers of Trinity Lutheran Church. Writing Tips and Examples of Funeral Resolutions Churches and many other organizations offer funeral resolutions for members of their community. A well-written funeral resolution takes a little effort but shows a lot of respect for the deceased, which is a gesture any family member can appreciate. Sources When faced with planning the funeral for a loved one, consider having a funeral resolution as part of the ceremony. This tribute is traditionally part of a religious funeral or memorial service. It follows a specific format and becomes part of the church's official records.

Funeral Resolutions vs. Eulogy While a funeral resolution and eulogy are similar in nature, they are different types of tributes. A eulogy is a light-hearted speech filled with anecdotes, stories and memories about the deceased person's life. An immediate family member or close friend, such as a spouse or sibling, usually delivers a eulogy. See our information on how to write a eulogy for more information.

In a church setting, a funeral resolution is a speech about the loved one's relationship with God. The tone is more serious and reverent. A member of the clergy or pastoral staff typically delivers the resolution; however, close family members and friends also present them. You may want to find out what specifications or format, if any, to follow when writing the resolution.

It helps if the loved one's attending church is the same religious institution where the funeral takes place. Professional Designs formatted using Microsoft Word or Publisher All test can be changed, including the program title Flexible Designs and Layout Instant Download and Live customer support Parts of a Funeral Resolution When putting together resolutions for funerals, you need to gather several pieces of information, which can come from the church's pastor or staff and includes the name of church, how long the deceased person was an active member, his or her involvement in ministries and any personal stories the clergy may have. The writer will then take this information and draft it into the resolution format. A funeral resolution comes in five parts: Title: Include the deceased person's name (i.e. Resolution in Loving Memory of...) Introduction of Faith: Needs to state that your loved one was a Godly person as well as stating that he or she died Whereas Statements: Justifies the reasons for the resolution; each statement starts with "Whereas" and includes attributes about the deceased person. You can include a Bible verse and there is no limit to how many of these statements you can have but it is typically less than two pages. Therefore Statements: This includes the pertinent information about the person who died such as the who, what, when and where. There are typically one or two "Therefore" statements. Conclusion: A simple Bible verse or complimentary closing (i.e. Respectfully submitted by...) Presenting the Funeral Resolution A clergy or close family member will notify you of when and where to deliver your resolution. The church may even present a certificate or plaque of the funeral resolution for the family to keep. If you have been asked to present the resolution, practice it ahead of time in front of a mirror or close friend. It's also OK if you show some emotion. Remember, the best funeral resolutions come from the heart.