

(iii) Draft Resolution (Mr Y. Tetyana): That the House noting that:-

1. the Economic Freedom Fighters will be celebrating 7yrs this coming weekend the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020;
2. as the EFF we locate our struggle for economic emancipation within the long resistance of South Africa's to racist colonial, political, economic, and social domination;
3. this glorious resistance started with the Khoi and San people rising against colonial domination, marked by the arrival of settler colonists in 1652 in the Cape;
4. this basically represents more than 350 years of Africans' resistance against colonial and economic domination and exploitation;
5. the EFF draws inspiration from the gallant fight those who came before us have mounted, generation after generation, against the superior firepower of the colonists;
6. those who fought the gallant wars of resistance did so to resist forced dispossession of land, wealth, livestock and heritage, which they had cherished and inherited from their forebears;
7. the EFF notes and appreciates the role played by generations of political freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives, were imprisoned, exiled, banished and separated from their families in pursuit of freedom;
8. it is this background that we table this motion today as we are in a quest of restoring the dignity of Africans, it cannot be that 26 years into democracy the continued cultural domination of the people of South Africa through symbols of conquest are still prominent features of our towns and cities. We cannot locate our own identity as a people while symbols of our oppression still tower over our heads, and further noting that;
9. the Colonial – Apartheid was declared a crime against humanity by the United Nations;
10. the Apartheid government erected statues to celebrate and immortalize the lives, ideas and the actions of all the people who were instrumental in furthering the racist oppressive system;
11. the Apartheid statues represent and celebrate the brutal triumph of apartheid system against our people;
12. the statues stand in complete conflict with the aspirations of our democratic dispensation, and
13. that to keep and protect these apartheid symbols is tantamount to paying homage to apartheid heritage and all the atrocities that the system caused to our people,

**therefore the House resolves that:**

1. all Colonial - Apartheid symbols of cultural dominance such as statues across the province to be removed, and
2. we call for this democratic government to honour our struggle heroes who fought against oppression as they are representatives of our common identity as Africans.