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HORII GABRIEL ANIGO AGWO,

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TRIBUTE TO A NONAGENARIAN

My family and I warmly felicitate and celebrate with you, this landmark birthday anniversary of 90 years on mother earth during which you successfully journeyed through life with all its turbulence.

It is amazing how you trudged on through thick and thin to breast the tape of life, yes you breasted the tape in grand style to the joy and loud applause of your numerous admirers and loved ones including my humble self. Even if it is God's grace you contributed a lot to justify God's decision to lavish it in abundance through your inner strong will to succeed in spite of daunting challenges. I am excited and happy for you, Sir.

When fate brought us together at the University of Nigeria Nsukka about, October 1974 to read Education / French in the Department of Education, it was our deliberate decision to glue ourselves together all these 48 years. And what a privilege to associate with somebody I'd rather refer to as father than my friend! You guided and mentored me to cope with poverty as an undergraduate; you gave me very useful pieces of advice that formed my guiding principles till date.

Horii Gabriel Anigo Agwo, when you invited me to visit your EzeAgwo compound in 1975 you and your dear wife, late Madam Felicia received and treated me like somebody. As if that was not enough, you paid a reciprocal visit to me soon after in my village as it is done in diplomatic circles. And it didn't mean anything to you to share with me a bamboo bed with a straw mattress (or was it even bare?).

A thorough bred master of Pedagogu and teacher of teachers must be celebrated.

A sufficiently senescent nonagenarian and by no means senile deserves to be sung alive.

A chronicler of events of deep relevance to him and society at large in his "IHE EMERE" (apologies to the Chronicles of the Bible) in his Autobiography deserves a state honour and award if it were in other climes.

But Horii Gabriel Anigo Agwo has been honoured by God. And what an honour!

Finally, I send you hearty Happy Birthday greetings from the Eze Nwokoma Nuclear family, the Chief James Nwokoma extended family, the Umuwhonu kindred, the Umuegoro village, the Etitu Amavo Aunotomous Community of Osisioma Ngwa Local Government Area of Abia Stat. Your Guardian Angel Gabriel (derived your name from him?) shall continue to guide and guard you.

We all love you Horii.



C. EZE NWOKOMA
(Friend And/Or Son)