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## MEMORIAL FUNERAL CEREMONY BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO DAVID SASSOLI

### PRESIDENT MACRON ADDRESSED SPEECH

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Former Italian Prime Minister and MEP Enrico Letta also delivered his eulogy, before a musical interlude with cellist Anne Gastinel. Members of David Sassoli's family, including his wife and children, attended the ceremony, as well as prominent public figures, including leaders of several EU countries and institutions, will also be present: Mario Draghi , Prime Minister of Italy, Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece, Andrej Plenkovi?, Prime Minister of Croatia, and Robert Abela, Prime Minister of Malta. In addition to the list of guests present, the presidents of national parliaments will also be present: Éliane Tillieux (Belgium), Jüri Ratas (Estonia), Annita Demetriou (Cyprus), Viktorija ?milyt?-Nielsen (Lithuania), Meritxell Batet (Spain), In?ra M?rniece (Latvia) as well as the Vice-President of the Finnish Parliament, Antti Rinne, The President of the European Court of Justice, Koen Lenaerts, and the President of the European Investment Bank, Werner Hoyer. Roberta Metsola and President Macron addressed vibrant tribute to David Sassoli. We publish their Tribute.

### DEMOCRACY LOST A CHAMPION AND WE ALL LOST A FRIEND ROBERTA METSOLA DECLARED ABOUT DAVID SASSOLI

« It is with great sadness, that we are preparing to David Sassoli final fair well to our president. Democracy lost a champion, Europe lost a leader, and we all lost a friend. Davi was one of us, he was a man of great vision and of great conviction, both as a man ad politician, He was a man who always take the tangible actions with values, that he believed in. esteem has ment and he became the president of european Parliament, at this particular difficult moment for the institution, He had to make great decisions, and make sure the Parliament is open and active during the coronavirus pandemic, so that we could continue the legislative of the European Parliament and adapt very important legislative packages that the european citizens need. But he also wanted to send a strong signal message of solidarity, and to do that he made the parliament building available to the most fragile specifically to women subjected to domestic violence. His appealed to Europe to protect the most vulnerable" Roberta Metsola declared as she paid vibrant tribute to David Sassoli who passed away on 11 January 2022.

#### SPEECH EMMANUEL MACRON IN TRIBUTE TO DAVID SASSOLI-----

European Parliament, Strasbourg, 17 January 2022 Madam President of the European Parliament, Mr President of the European Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the European Parliament, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Parliament, Dear Madam, dear Alessandra, dear Giulio and Livia, ladies and gentlemen, Less than two months ago, in this same amphitheater, we paid homage, with David Sassoli, to a great European figure who died, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. He was there, he spoke. No one then could suspect his own disappearance. And with the same ardor that has just been described, with the same conviction, with the same force, he expressed so well his own attachment to the European adventure and to what binds us all. It is with emotion that I will evoke the memory of a man of rare benevolence, whom everyone has mentioned before me, whose smile, ideals and vision were large enough for a continent. With a feeling of admiration too, for the brilliant career that led him from journalism school to the sets of the Italian 8 p.m., and here. 2 With, again, a feeling of gratitude for his exemplary political career in the three mandates of MEP. He, who was brought to the benches of this Parliament in 2009, then turning the page of journalism, opening a new chapter in his life, writing in the ink of political commitment, and going beyond Italian borders. With, finally, a feeling of debt. For European construction, for all these stones that he brought to our building today, as an ardent craftsman; and all those he has carved out for tomorrow, as a fervent architect. When he was elected Vice-President of Parliament in 2014, he very quickly set the tone and the tempo. In charge of the budget, he held the strings of our common purse with discernment, efficiency and with this spirit of openness, this ambition of openness that you have just mentioned. Responsible for dialogue with the countries of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, he opened the window of Europe wider to the south with a talent that reminded us that he himself was a son of the Mediterranean. He also knew how to bring our Union into dialogue with the Western Balkans, forging new ties with North Macedonia and Albania, where he traveled extensively as an attentive and effective emissary. » President Macron stated

#### SEVERAL FIGHTS OF DAVID SASSOLI HAVE AND MENTIONED: CUORE E AMBIZIONE -----

President Macron recalled the great political battles and bonds of solidarity that David Sassoli had led during his life: "Several of his battles have just been recalled here. "Cuore e ambizione", heart and ambition, hammered out his inaugural speech in 2019. Heart and ambition, with you there was some. It took him more than any other Speaker of Parliament no doubt, he whose mandate was hit, after barely six months, by this pandemic which still constrains our lives. He who cared until the last moment for the good organization of your plenary session which is being held this week. Even at the height of the crisis, making the painful choice to confine himself to Brussels, far from his family, to devote himself fully to his task, he did not allow his answers to be dictated by panic, but endeavored to discern the way prudence and reason, ambition too, solidarity. With you, the choice was made to stay open, to work, to organize. Very quickly, he also mobilized the deserted premises of the Parliament, both in Strasbourg and in Brussels, for the preparation of meals intended for families in need, for the installation of a screening center, for the reception of women victims of violence. Sending the whole of Europe a face of humanity, of example. Because the Europe he defended is united: solidarity between its citizens, like 3 between its members. The Europe he defended is strong, with the strength of unity. Both organizer and peacemaker of this hemicycle, he confronted ideas, never people. Capable of bringing together interlocutors whom everything seemed to distance, language, culture or character. »

#### BY WILL AND BY TALENT DAVID SASSOLI RESPONDED WONDERFULLY TO THE CRISIS OF THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

President Macron spoke of efforts praised by David Sassoli for a collective effort by European states. "This personal gift allowed him to dissipate reluctance, to forge consensus. By will and by talent, he did wonders to bring about a concerted response to the crisis, showing that one of the main lessons of this ordeal did not reside only in the sovereignty of States but also in collective sovereignty, because our sovereignty, in this third millennium cannot do without Europe. Despite the setbacks and turmoil, he thus brought about a majority that laid the foundations for a common debt, for a Europe that truly forms a united front, and writes its destiny together. Beyond the health emergency, he never lost sight of the defense of the rule of law on our continent as elsewhere. This defense he carried throughout his mandate, such as climate and migration issues, campaigning for a new common pact, for a stronger ambition. He also brought the Conference on the Future of Europe to the baptismal font with others, faithful to his conception of a more embodied Union, from its roots to the summit, closer to citizens, more involved.

#### DAVID SASSOLI CONFIRMED HE WAS A CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY IN HIS SPEECH OF 9TH MAY 2021

From his speech on May 9, 2021, on the occasion of the launch of the Conference, I retain this faith in the effectiveness of our democracy: in the face of authoritarian temptations, it alone can protect our individual and collective freedoms, human dignity, peace, security, and social progress. He who grew up in Florence and studied in Rome did honor to these two flamboyant capitals of European humanism, with his deep sense of human dignity, further reinforced by his ideals. This evening I bow before his family to whom I address my most sincere condolences, but also before all his relatives, his fellow travelers and combatants, dear Enrico. In

front of all the Italian people, dear Mario. All the MEPs present here, like his closest team and all the staff of the European Parliament, all of whom, I know, were so attached to him. This Europe of which he held the helm in the midst of a storm and which he nevertheless knew how to secure in the future survives him, stronger and more united. A bit of him lives on through her. A bit of him continues through us, through this European flame that we will continue to fan. That of his final speech on December 16, of a Europe to innovate, protect, shine. So we will all keep in mind the sweetness of her smile, just mentioned. The sometimes almost metallic determination of his gaze. This strength, especially when he spoke of Europe and values. And that modesty, which suited her so well and which is so rare in our world. This modesty which was both this alliance of respect and tenderness with regard to the other and a desire deep down to say nothing too much about oneself. So tonight it is his fights that we will remember but it is also this face made of determination, gentleness and modesty. In the background the face of a European of goodwill. hands ends President Macron in a very moving speech in memory of David Sassoli the President of the European Parliament who died at the age of 65, on January 11, in Italy, following an illness.

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