

CITATION - FREDERIK VAN ZYL SLABBERT

FROM TIME TO TIME IN HUMAN AFFAIRS THERE ARISE INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMAND OUR RESPECT WITHOUT SEEKING IT, WHO RECONCILE THE APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE, AND WHO EXHIBIT GREAT PERSONAL COURAGE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF OTHERS. AS PEACEMAKER, SCHOLAR AND PARLIAMENTARIAN, DR. FREDERIK VAN ZYL SLABBERT MUST BE COUNTED AMONG THEIR SELECT COMPANY. IT IS WITH A KEEN SENSE OF PRIVILEGE, MADAM CHANCELLOR, THAT I PRESENT HIM TO YOU.

LEAVING HIS BIRTHPLACE IN DEETORIA AT AGE SEVEN HE MOVED FIRST

TO JOHANNESBURG AND THEN TO THE NORTHERN TRANSVAAL TWO YEARS LATER. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH

WITH HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR SLABBERT'S