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The late former MEC for health, Fezi Ngubentombi, will be honoured by naming the Metsimaholo Hospital after her.

This was announced by Free State premier, Ace Magashule, during his delivery of the 2013 State of the Province Address yesterday.

Ngubentombi died in a road accident outside Bloemfontein late last year. She became the MEC for Health in 2009 and was also the former executive mayor of the Metsimaholo Local Municipality from 2006 before becoming a member of executive committee (MEC) in the province.

She led the ANC from the branch level before becoming the ANCWL regional secretary and provincial executive committee (PEC) member. During the ANC national executive committee (NEC) nominations last year, she was nominated by seven provinces to serve in the highest decision making structure. She would have thus been an NEC member had she not passed away tragically.

Magashule promised to honour Ngubentombi by naming a street or building after her during her memorial service.

“She emerged from the communities she served; she was nurtured, groomed and a grounded member of the ANC. This means we can now name a street after Fezi because she died in the ANC,” said Magashule at the time.

This week Magashule kept his promise.

“Renaming the hospital after her is a fulfillment of my words to honour her she was a groomed and grounded member of the ANC.

“I believe it is appropriate to honour the memory of two former MEC’s responsible for health in the Free State with the renaming of the Metsimaholo Hospital as the Fezi Ngubentombi Hospital,” said Magashule.

Metsimaholo is not the only hospital that is going to be named after gallant fallen ANC heroes and heroines. The Ladybrand Hospital will now be known as the Senorita Ntlabathi Hospital, while the Trompsburg Hospital will be named the Alfred Nzula Hospital.

Magashule also announced that the new MEC for health will be appointed soon.

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