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SERENITY PARK IN CASTRIES HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN RENAMED THE SIR GEORGE WILLIAM MALLET SERENITY PARK

Castries, St. Lucia, February 15, 2019 - The renaming, which saw the unveiling of the plaque with the new name, took place during a special ceremony held on Wednesday February 13, 2019 at the facility.

Speaking to the renaming process His Worship Mayor Peterson D. Francis said the Government felt that it was important to also keep the word 'Serenity' in the new name.

In an address to the official renaming ceremony, Mayor Francis spoke of the need to honor our men and women.

"Honor is not the exclusive property of anyone or of any political party. I would like to believe that Sir George William Mallet and many others who have travelled this road and canvassed this area, contributed to that change and established a truly democratic state. They struggled to create a society where people are valued according to their contribution to the development of our country rather than their ideological persuasion, race, creed or gender. Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory, there would be no civilization, no society and no future. Memories of the past must be vital lessons of history. It means that we keep alive the memories that shaped our history and honor the names and the legacies of the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in a struggle to ensure a democratic, united, non-racial, and non-sexist Saint Lucia", said Mayor Francis.

Parliamentary Representative for Castries Central, Hon. Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, in addressing the event, provided her endorsement for the exercise and pledged her commitment to the people of her constituency.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment, Miss Lenita Joseph also addressed the gathering.

Mr. Hollis Bristol shared a personal perspective on the late Sir George William Mallet, while the daughter of the late Sir George, Miss Juliet Mallet-Phillip, expressed her family's gratitude for the honour bestowed on her father.

The plaque bearing the new name for the park located at Sans Souci, was unveiled thereafter by the Acting Prime Minister Hon. Guy Joseph, Mayor Peterson D. Francis, Castries Central MP Hon. Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, Verlina Joseph from the R.C Boys Infant School who submitted the winning entry in the contest that gave the park its original name, and the daughter of Sir George William Mallet, Miss Juliet Mallet-Phillip.

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