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MAYOR OF CASTRIES PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIR DEREK WALCOTT

Castries, March 17, 2017 – It is with deep sadness that the Office of the Mayor has learnt of the passing of Nobel Laureate, Sir Derek Walcott.

The Office of the Mayor and Castries Constituency Council join with the people of Saint Lucia, the region and the world in mourning the death of this great man of wisdom, who contributed immensely to the literary distinction and international acclaim of Saint Lucia.

Mayor of the City of Castries, His Lordship Peterson D. Francis, has noted that the Caribbean and world have lost “a man of extraordinary talent” and his guidance and advice will be missed.

“Sir Derek Walcott was more than a Nobel Laureate. He was a humble, un-equaled resident and father of poetry. He distinguished himself as a playwright and poet, inspired a continent, served as the conscience of Saint Lucia and, eventually, through his work, words and actions, transformed many. As a result his legacy will endure and his memory will never fade,” the Mayor Francis said.

“I still reminisce with fondness on many remarks made to the press and openly, as it pertains to the development of this country and where we go as a nation. It is good that he got to see the Derek Walcott Square and the Walcott House, named in his memory, both in the City of Castries. However, I firmly believe a lot more could have been done by successive governments to recognize and show appreciation for his work. At least, a museum should have been commissioned before his passing.”

The Castries Mayor along with staff members of the Castries Constituency Council extend their deepest condolences to his family and acknowledge with tremendous pride the contributions he made to the nation.

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