



MEDIA RELEASE

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Wade Mark Resigns as Speaker of the House

Dear Media Colleagues,

Please be advised that Wade Mark has resigned as Speaker of the House of Representatives. In a letter dated September 18, 2015, and addressed to Clerk of the House Mrs. Jacqueline Sampson-Meiguel, Mr. Mark extended his thanks to her and the staff at the Office of the Parliament for their support during his tenure as Speaker.

Mr. Mark was elected Speaker of the House on June 18, 2010. This after having served in the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago since 1990 in various roles in the House and Senate.

He spearheaded several initiatives aimed at promoting the work and significance of the Parliament and strengthening of the independence of our nation's legislature. These included the Schools Outreach programme, the revising of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives and the push toward Parliamentary Autonomy through the proposed Draft Houses of Parliament Service Authority Bill.

He also engaged in initiatives which helped to strengthen the relationships between the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the rest of CARICOM and the world. These included his attendance at the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth in New Zealand in January 2014 and at the 4th World Conference of Speakers in New York earlier this month.

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