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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would provide for the conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour on fifty persons who have contributed to the development of the nation of Barbados since the attainment of Independence and for related matters.

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*Criteria for the Selection of Nominees for the Barbados Jubilee Honour*

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to provide for the conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour on fifty persons who have contributed to the development of the nation of Barbados since the attainment of Independence and for related matters.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Barbados Jubilee Honour Act, 2016*.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act “Barbados Jubilee Honour” means the honour to be known by that name established by section 3.

**Establishment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour**

3. There is hereby established an honour entitled the Barbados Jubilee Honour.

**Conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour**

- 4.(1) Subject to subsection (2), the Governor-General may by instrument under Public Seal confer the Barbados Jubilee Honour upon a person referred to in section 5.

(2) The power conferred on the Governor-General by subsection (1) shall be exercised by him on the advice of the Prime Minister.

(3) A conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour shall take effect from the date of the affixing of the Public Seal or from such other date as may be specified in the instrument.

**Eligibility for conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour**

5. A person who
- (a) has been nominated for the honour by Barbadians living in Barbados or elsewhere;
  - (b) is a citizen of Barbados or is entitled to be registered as a citizen of Barbados;
  - (c) has given significant or meritorious service to his community and to the nation; and

- (d) has satisfied the criteria for selection in one of the categories set out in the Schedule,

is eligible for the conferment of the Barbados Jubilee Honour.

**Publication**

6. The names of those persons upon whom the Barbados Jubilee Honour is conferred shall be published in the *Official Gazette*.

**Post nominals and insignia**

7.(1) Every person upon whom the Barbados Jubilee Honour has been conferred is entitled to

- (a) have the letters “B.J.H.” placed after his name on all occasions when the use of letters after a name is customary; and
- (b) wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for holders of the Barbados Jubilee Honour.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the letters “B.J.H.” mean Barbados Jubilee Honour.

**SCHEDULE***(Section 5(d))**Criteria for the Selection of Nominees for the Barbados Jubilee Honour***1. Business**

A person who has displayed innovation through the development of a product or a service. The person must also have demonstrated an ability to form strategic partnerships, thereby assisting in the creation of jobs. The person must have exhibited a capacity to earn foreign exchange and promote the regional and international profile of Barbados and should have the potential to expand the product or the service beyond the shores of Barbados.

**2. Civil Society**

A person who has demonstrated transformational leadership, while inspiring positive change and addressing specific community needs. The person must also have contributed to satisfying a critical need within the country, by using an innovative approach. The person must have assisted in the upliftment of the needy and oppressed members of the Barbadian society and contributed to the empowerment of Barbadian communities through the sharing of knowledge, expertise and experience.

**3. Cultural Arts**

A person who has demonstrated outstanding skill and aptitude in his chosen field and by mastering his art, has contributed significantly to the cultural landscape of Barbados. The person must also have influenced others positively, thus helping to increase the creative capacity of the nation and allowing Barbados to make a meaningful contribution to the arts regionally and internationally.

**4. Education**

A person who is an educator at the primary, secondary or tertiary level and has exhibited outstanding commitment and dedication to the teaching profession. The person must also have contributed to the intellectual, social and moral development of his charges. The person should be a positive role model with the ability to inspire his students to achieve their best in every sphere of endeavour.

**5. Entrepreneurship**

A person who has demonstrated initiative, innovation and successful risk management and has fulfilled a vital need in the landscape of the Barbadian community. The person must also have

exhibited qualities of leadership, perseverance, bravery and an ability to overcome negative circumstances in the pursuit of his dreams.

#### **6. Innovation**

A person who has pioneered an idea or has developed an idea which is designed to enhance existing technology, or a person who has launched a unique and viable venture or product and has demonstrated excellence in design, strategic planning and the ability to impact his community positively. The venture or product must have a practical application with significant potential to earn or produce tangible benefits to an aspect of the Barbadian society.

#### **7. Medicine**

A practitioner whose distinguished service in the medical profession has contributed to the advancement of medical science, medical education or medical care in Barbados and the region. The contribution must have been sustained over a significant term of service and largely influenced the goals and ideals of the medical profession. The person must also have, through his practice, aided in the upliftment and education of the Barbadian population.

#### **8. Public Service**

A person whose personal attributes and exceptional skill, demonstrated through his own actions or his guidance of others, have enabled him to make a significant contribution, throughout his career, to his department or the wider public service. The person must also have displayed outstanding dedication to his work, remained highly committed to the values and ethics of the public service and inspired other employees. The person must have demonstrated good leadership skills and maintained transparency in the management of human resources.

#### **9. Science and Technology**

A person who has demonstrated a passion for learning and scientific achievement. The person must also have made a significant breakthrough or discovery in scientific advancement or in the application or implementation of technology, products or processes. The breakthrough, discovery, application or implementation must have contributed to the improvement of the Barbadian society, as it faces the complex challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

#### **10. Sports**

A person who has consistently maintained an outstanding level of performance in his chosen sport, which has helped to bring Barbados to global prominence. The person must also have displayed exceptional dedication and commitment in mastering his discipline and exhibited a

high level of personal and professional integrity. The person must be an inspirational role model whom the youth in Barbados can emulate.

**11. The Labour Movement**

A person who has demonstrated an ability to organise workers and negotiate on their behalf. The person must also have exhibited a visionary approach to bargaining for improved conditions for workers in Barbados.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**Speaker**

Read three times and passed the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
, 2016.

**President**