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Government to Celebrate the Life of Dr. Robert Mathavious, OBE

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The Government of the Virgin Islands will honour the life and legacy of the late Dr. Robert A. Mathavious, OBE., through an official Celebration of Life service on Wednesday, 15th October, at the Multi-purpose Sports Complex at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Mathavious' body will lie in repose from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Members of the public will have the opportunity to pay their respect following the viewing of the body by family members and Government officials. All are invited to attend and pay their final respects as the Territory celebrates the life of one of its foremost nation builders. The official celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. featuring various tributes and musical selections under the theme, **"**Revered at Home • Respected Abroad • Remembered Forever."

The family's celebration of Mr. Mathavious' life will follow on Thursday, 16th October, at the Road Town Methodist Church. Viewing will commence at 9:00 a.m., followed by the service at 10:30 a.m.

As a mark of respect, flags will be flown at half-mast across all Government buildings on 15th and 16th October.

Dr. Mathavious was the former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the BVI Financial Services Commission. He also served as Financial Secretary in the public service and was an inaugural member of the Integrity Commission.

Widely recognised as a pioneer of the Virgin Islands' financial services industry, Dr. Mathavious played a pivotal role in shaping the Territory's regulatory framework and global reputation as a respected international financial centre. His vision, leadership, and dedication to excellence have left an enduring legacy that continues to influence the Virgin Islands' development.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the Financial Services Institute at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College was renamed the Robert Mathavious Institute for Financial Services in his honour to inspire and equip future generations of financial services professionals.

For more on Dr. Mathavious' extraordinary journey and impact, viewers are encouraged to watch the mini-documentary on Youtube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWSkgXcOMIo

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