

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Hon the Chief Minister has given notice on 23rd May 2018 that he proposes to move the following motion at the meeting of Parliament:

“This House:

NOTES that Sir Joe Bossano was first elected to Gibraltar House of Assembly in 1972 and that this year, in 2018, he has served as an elected representative of the people of Gibraltar for 46 years;

RECALLS that Sir Joe Bossano is now the longest-serving elected representative of the people of Gibraltar in the history of Gibraltar, as well as one of the longest-serving Parliamentarians in the Commonwealth;

RECALLS THAT Sir Joe served as Chief Minister following elections in Gibraltar in 1988 and in 1992;

FURTHER RECALLS that Sir Joe served as Leader of the Opposition following elections in Gibraltar in 1976, 1984, 1996, 2000, 2003 and in 2007;

FURTHER RECALLS that Sir Joe has continued to serve as a Minister following elections in Gibraltar in 2011 and in 2015;

COMMENDS his lifetime involvement with the trade-union movement during the struggle for parity and subsequently;

FURTHER COMMENDS the transformation of the economy of Gibraltar during his time in Government;

WELCOMES his visionary domestic policies of encouraging home ownership through a 50/50 scheme and the abolition of the points system to attend UK universities which opened the floodgates for many students to further their education abroad;

WELCOMES his trademark defence of the right of the people of Gibraltar to self-determination and to a democratic decolonisation and his rejection of the claim from Spain to the sovereignty of our country;



CONSIDERS that his appointment as a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George ('KCMG') by Her Majesty the Queen in the New Year's Honours List for 2018 is richly deserved and was as such joyously welcomed in Gibraltar;

DECLARES that the award of a KCMG should be matched by the award of the highest honour that the Parliament of this country can bestow in the name of the people of Gibraltar;

HEREBY RESOLVES that the Freedom of the City of Gibraltar be conferred on the Honourable Sir Joe Bossano KCMG MP."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul E Martinez', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul E Martinez
Clerk to the Parliament