

PUBLIC MONUMENT FOR ROBINSON

Tobago will honour the memory of former prime minister and president Arthur NR Robinson with a public monument. Robinson, who passed away in April 2014, is the only person ever to hold both offices in Trinidad and Tobago. He was also the first chairman of the Tobago House of Assembly. The THA passed a motion to honour Robinson at the 44th plenary sitting of

the Assembly last Thursday (May 19). The motion was tabled by Assemblyman and Leader of Assembly Business Claudia Groome-Duke, the Secretary of Health and Social Services. Groome-Duke described Robinson as “a pivotal figure in the struggle for Tobago’s autonomy, [who] eventually became the first chairman of the restored Tobago House of Assembly”. She recalled that Robinson created

the foundation for establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC). Groome-Duke said: “There is no [neither] public monument nor sacred space to recognise and symbolise the achievements and contributions of this exemplary Tobagonian.” She added that the public monument should be instituted “at an appropriate location”, as a focal point in memory of his achievements and contributions.



COMMUNITY WALK: Secretary of Tourism and Transportation Tracy Davidson-Celestine walks with persons from the differently-abled community on Saturday (May 21, 2016) during the Sea to Sea Marathon Community Walk. *Photo: CLEMENT WILLIAMS*

DISABLED COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE SUPPORT

A change in mindset towards the disabled community. That’s what Secretary for Tourism and Transportation Tracy Davidson-Celestine is calling for in all spheres of society. The Secretary made the statement after joining the disabled community and supporters in the Sea to Sea Marathon Community Walk on Saturday (May 21). Davidson-Celestine, who recently delivered the feature address at the World Down Syndrome Day 2016 Conference, expressed her excitement to be part of yet another initiative to raise awareness for persons with disabilities. “I want to also applaud the organisers of this community walk for giving the members of the disabled community and their loved ones an opportunity to participate actively,” Davidson-Celestine said. “We have to continue to provide the relevant support to equip our children and differently-abled adults to reach their full potential. More than talking the talk, we must now walk the walk together.” She said a change in mindset must also be accompanied by “appropriate policies and programmes” that will allow people with disabilities to reach their full potential. The group walked from the Lambeau Fishing Facility to the Petit Trou beach. The Community Walk marked the official start of the highly anticipated inaugural Tobago International Sea to Sea Marathon.

AQUA WARRIORS SET FOR ‘NATIONALS’

The YMCA Tobago Aqua Warriors will journey to Trinidad for the Amateur Swimming Association of Trinidad and Tobago’s (ASATT) sixth Annual National Open Long Course Championships. The Tobago swim club has an eight-member team of swimmers competing

in the following age categories of the May 25-29 Championships: 10 & under; 11-12; 13-14; and 15-17. The meet will be used as a qualifier to select the national team for the Caribbean Islands Swimming Championships (CISC), scheduled for June 29 - July 2, 2016 in the Bahamas.