

## **Tribute to Dr. Greene**

It is a pleasure to be able to record this small tribute to Eddie Greene for his work in the Caribbean and for the Caribbean, and my only regret is that a time limit has been imposed upon me, as my appreciation of Eddie is boundless. I have been fortunate enough to witness first hand the tremendous diplomatic skill, the perseverance and the passion that he brought to his portfolio in CARICOM and the equanimity he constantly displayed that inspired confidence in all around him even when things were not going according to plan. I know more about his work in health, and I can say without fear of contradiction that in my experience there have been few, very few senior officials in Caribbean organizations who have displayed the above qualities to the same extent as Eddie Greene. He will leave many legacies behind, but I believe the most important and the one to be most cherished, is the admiration and genuine affection which he engendered in all those who were privileged to work with him. He has been an exemplar of selfless dedication, and I know that his work over the past months has entailed great personal sacrifice. Public servants do not come better than Eddie Greene-public servants who know that service does not mean servility-public servants dedicated to excellence – public servants who live and breathe institutional loyalty.

Of course we will miss him, but I am sure that there are none among us so mean-spirited as to let our loss in any way detract from expressing the immense gratitude we owe him for what he is and what has done for the Caribbean and its people. Let us wish him well and hope that there will be other ways and other spheres in which his tremendous talent can be of benefit to the Caribbean!

Thank you Eddie!