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## SENATE PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIR FLORIZEL

KINGSTON, Dec. 1 (JIS):

The Senate today passed a Resolution expressing "profound regret" at the passing of former Governor-General, Sir Florizel Glasspole, who died on November 25 at the age of 91.

The Upper House also observed a minute of silence in tribute to the late Sir Florizel, who served as a member of the Lower House.

In her tribute, Leader of Government Business, Senator Maxine Henry Wilson, said his name would be recorded in history for his contribution to the process of political decolonisation and independence.

She described him as "a man ready for any political fight", "a vigorous trade unionist", "debater extra-ordinaire", and "foundation member of the People's National Party".

Opposition Senator, Anthony Johnson, described Sir Florizel as "a giant of a man who rose above politics although he was the quintessential politician".

Leader of Opposition Business, Oswald Harding, noted that persons demonstrated against the former Governor-General which showed that he was "truly independent".

President of the Senate, Syringa Marshall Burnett, expressed her personal condolence to Sir Florizel's daughter and her family.

Sir Florizel will be given a State funeral on Tuesday, December 5 at the Coke Methodist Church at East Parade, downtown Kingston, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

He will be buried at the Providence Methodist Church at Liguanea, Old Hope Road, where his wife, Lady Josephine is buried.

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The late Governor-General was also instrumental in the construction of Gordon House. Sir Florizel was appointed Governor-General in 1973 on the request of then Prime Minister, Michael Manley.

"The record of political activism before he ascended to the highest office in the land was unblemished and incontrovertible. His patriotic commitment and unwavering sense of performance enabled him to fulfill the challenges of service to the nation with impeccable balance and unquestioned integrity," the Prime Minister said.

Giving the Eulogy, Reverend Dr. Claude Cadogan described Sir Florizel as a humble man, "who was able to talk with crowds and keep his virtue, and talk with kings and not lose the common touch".

"He was a famous man, a father among us, through whom God blessed our nation," he added.

Leader of the Opposition, Edward Seaga read the Second Lesson at the service.

Other tributes came from Archbishop Emeritus Samuel Carter of the Roman Catholic Church, who said Sir Florizel excelled during his 28 years of service as the people's representative and Parliamentarian.

"He was a man with a great love for Jamaica, a patriot and totally dedicated to his family," Archbishop Carter said. He noted further that Jamaica was blessed to have had such a leader who served with integrity.

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