



REMARKS BY

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ON THE OCCASION OF

WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2007

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*Those who educate children well are more to be honoured
than they who produce them; for these only gave them
life, those the art of living well.*

- Aristotle -

To Mrs. Ellen-Kate Horton, Permanent Secretary and all
the Administration Staff of the Department of Education;

To Mrs. Lisa Trott, President of the Bermuda Union of
Teachers and Mr. Michael Charles, Secretary of the
Bermuda Union of Teachers,

To past and present Principals, Teachers and
Administration staff of our island schools;

To all of our young people who are here today to pay tribute to their teachers;

To all Parents, Guardians and supporters of our teachers and Ministry,

I welcome you here today and, on behalf of a grateful Government and Country, I extend to all teachers throughout Bermuda our best wishes on this their day, **World Teachers Day 2007.**

Having spent the majority of my professional life inside the classroom, I consider it a unique privilege to be able to experience this day with my fellow educators. I can state categorically, that I thoroughly enjoyed my time working in our island schools. Clearly, one of the greatest feelings any teacher can feel is when the time you put into your student manifests itself in their success and they express how grateful they are for your contribution.

I feel today that the challenges were worth the effort as day after day, year after year, students under your charge used the academic foundation you gave them and have moved on to be outstanding, responsible citizens in this Country.

As a Principal, I know first hand the value of a good, effective teacher in the overall success of the school and the academic well being of the students. The job requirements given of a principal are monumental and the burden on ones shoulders was, at times, difficult to bear. But the way

forward was made less difficult and the challenges were overcome by the commitment and dedication of the teacher who worked with me.

Today, I join you in saluting them.

The Ministry of Education, Sports and Recreation has taken seriously the words and commitment of the Government to memorializing the true heroes of our Country by honouring those past and present who have served this country with excellence, profoundly impacting the lives of the people around them and conducted their lifelong service with dignity. The Government has recently named two schools after two outstanding educators in honour of their monumental service to our islands young people.

- **The Dalton E. Tucker Primary School**
- **The T. N. Tatem Middle School**

It was this week that we named the Dalton E. Tucker Primary School after Mrs. Dalton Tucker. She, unfortunately, was unable to attend the ceremony due to illness and I thought it most fitting that we visit her in the hospital that very morning and present her with tokens of the Country's appreciation. In response to having a school named in her honour, she was absolutely thrilled and even looked beyond herself in reminding me of the value of many others who have served with distinction as educators. I have a profound respect for Mrs. Tucker and intend to follow her advice to the letter.

Therefore, we, the Government and a People of Bermuda, have come here to celebrate the contribution and dedication of our island's teachers and I proclaim in your hearing;

WHEREAS

teachers play a central and critically important role in the advancement of education and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS

teachers create for our children a stable environment in a world of shifting values, rapid technological advance and a dynamic education system; and

WHEREAS

teachers offer children not only knowledge, but also a solid foundation on which to build their dreams; and

WHEREAS

teachers themselves are life-long learners who must never cease seeking, learning and practicing new strategies for the successful communication of information and the creation of a school environment that is conducive to learning; and

WHEREAS

Bermuda's teachers have made an immeasurable contribution to our Island's success, and will continue to do so as long as there are students willing to learn;

BE IT RESOLVED

that the Government of Bermuda supports the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in declaring this day, Friday, the fifth of October, two thousand and seven as World Teacher' Day

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED

that the Government and people of Bermuda recognize, value and salute the dedication and commitment of Bermuda's teachers and educators;

THEREFORE,

I take great pleasure in giving honour and praise to all of Bermuda's outstanding educators and teachers, past and present --- those men and women who have touched, and who continue to touch, the lives of each of us in such a profound and significant way.

ON BEHALF OF

the Government and people of Bermuda,
I, the Hon. K. H. Randolph Horton, JP, MP, Minister of Education, Sports and Recreation,
do hereby proclaim this day, Friday, the fifth of October, two thousand and seven as World Teachers' Day in Bermuda.

"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings..."

-Carl Gustav Jung-

Thank you

