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MP Bunting Expresses Condolences on the Passing of Cecil Charlton

We are sad to learn that former Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Cecil Charlton, 88, has passed.

The longest serving Mayor of Mandeville, Cecil Charlton embodied a passion for community service and development, which made his contribution to politics and nation building exemplary. His leadership of the Parish Council was marked by an unfettered drive for excellence, which has raised the bar and has changed the level of service we have come to expect from our elected representatives.

“Known for having kept the cleanest town in Jamaica, Cecil Charlton has set the standard which all local government representatives strive to attain,” said Mayor Brenda Ramsay, current Mayor of Mandeville.

Member of Parliament for Central Manchester and General Secretary of the People’s National Party, Peter Bunting, commenting on Charlton’s political, career said, ***“Having served both major political parties, Cecil Charlton’s charisma and professionalism overcame the political divide, earning him the admiration and respect of voters and political colleagues, on both sides.”***

The MP continued, ***“Mr. Charlton loved politics greatly, and I was always warmed by his occasional visits to the PNP’s Central Manchester Constituency Conferences, even in the last few years.”***

A pioneer of the public transportation industry in Mandeville, Mr. Charlton was the consummate businessman, diversifying into other areas of business and provided employment to many residents of the parish.

Peter Bunting said, ***“Cecil Charlton successfully balanced careers in both the public service and the private sector, effectively maintaining his financial independence whilst fulfilling his public duty.”*** Bunting continued, ***“In our encounters, I was touched by Comrade Charlton’s unwavering love and passion for Manchester, which was evident even with his failing health.”***

The MP expresses condolences to the Charlton family, and prays that they take comfort in knowing that his rich legacy will be honoured for years to come.