PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 12/08-09

ESTABLISTMENT OF COMMISSION FOR THE ELDERLY

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands has enjoyed unprecedented growth in its economy and its standard of living during the past 25 years;

AND WHEREAS this robust economy is based on the sacrifices and efforts of previous generations;

AND WHEREAS many members of previous generations did not live long enough to benefit from the growing resources of this nation;

AND WHEREAS this category of Caymanian citizens are experiencing a range of challenges which they or the state did not anticipate and for which they did not make adequate provision;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Government consider the setting up of a Commission for the Aged whose initial remit shall be a scientific socio-economic study of the elderly resulting in an Action Plan and legislation to bring hope for the future of Seniors in the Cayman Islands and give them opportunities to live with dignity and not fall through the safety net into abject poverty and humiliation;

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that, due to the current economic meltdown and likely recession, the Government consider revisiting the retirement age with a view to deciding that retirees who are trainable and able and have special expertise are allowed to remain in the workforce by way of contract in both the private and public sectors.

Moved by: Miss Lucille D Seymour, BEM, JP, MLA
Third Elected Member for George Town

Seconded By: Mr W Alfonso Wright, MLA
Fourth Elected Member for George Town

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 21st day of November 2008.

Passed/Rejected by the Legislative Assembly this day of , 2008.

(The Motion was carried forward to the Fourth Meeting of the 2008/2009 Session)

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly