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Richton Park Hosts Bahamas Flag Raising Ceremony

Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. July 8, 2016 – The Village of Richton Park, who has partnered with Cat Island Bahamas for an exclusive “Sister City” Partnership, hosted the 2016 Bahamas National Day with a flag raising ceremony in celebration of 43 years of Bahamian Independence. In conjunction with the *Chicago Consulate of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas*, this event was open to the community, representing Richton Park and Cat Island well.

Sister Cities programs are unique in that they inherently involve the main elements of a community - local government, business, economic development, education and culture with the purpose of enhancing both communities. Celebrating the Bahamas’ National Independence encompasses all of these foundations.

President Rick Reinbold states “This is a historical event to take place in the Village of Richton Park and we are honored to have been a part of this great, monumental occasion.”

The flag raising ceremony began with a brief program conducted by Vera Brooks, Community Services Director and President Reinbold at the festively decorated Richton Park Community Center. The honorable Michael C. Fountain, Honorary Consul of the Bahamas addressed a group of approximately 50 attendees, illuminating the historical relevance of the celebratory occasion.

Following the program, the celebration relocated outside of the Village Hall, where audiences watched as the Bahamian flag was proudly raised as the Bahamian National Anthem, “March On, Bahamaland” played in the background.

Thank you to all of our special guests who came out to support this event the celebration concluded with a pleasurable reception in the Community Center Lobby, where guests enjoyed a wonderful spread of hors d’oeuvres, refreshments, great conversation, photos, and music. Richton Park is proud to be Sister Cities with Cat Island, and even more proud to have assisted in celebrating such a significant juncture.

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