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“GOVERNMENT PROPOSES A SCHEME FOR PARLIAMENT TO RECOGNISE AND HONOUR CITIZENS”

The Chief Minister has given notice of a Government Motion to establish a civic award scheme, to be known as the Gibraltar Medallion of Honour, which would be awarded by Parliament. A roll of recipients would be kept and the entire historical roll would be published each year.

The Gibraltar Medallion of Honour will be bestowed by Resolution in Parliament to living or deceased Gibraltarians and others who the Parliament considers have served and contributed to the interests of Gibraltar and its people in an exceptional manner that is particularly worthy of special recognition by the House on behalf of the people of Gibraltar.

It will rank below the Freedom of the City, but all Freedom of the City holders will automatically be entered into the Roll of Honour.

The idea is that any citizen can nominate a person for an award. It is envisaged that there would be a handful each year, and that they would be presented on National Day. In this first year the Government motion proposes ten posthumous awards. Awards to living persons would commence next year when citizens have had the opportunity to make nominations.

The Motion will be taken at the next meeting of the House.

Note to Editors: Attached is copy of the Chief Minister's Motion.