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CHIEF MINISTER SENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAYOR

The Chief Minister has sent his warmest congratulations to His Worship the Mayor on being appointed as an Honorary Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve. This appointment was made on the recommendation of the First Sea Lord and then approved by HM The Queen.

Tony Lima was the last Commanding Officer of Gibraltar's Royal Naval Reserve unit, HMS Calpe, which was disestablished in 1993.

'I am delighted that Tony should have the distinction of being the only Honorary Commander RNR outside the United Kingdom,' said Mr Picardo. 'In this appointment he will act as an important link between the Navy and our local community. I am also delighted that, though Tony, Gibraltar's historic link with the Royal Naval Reserve has been recognised. Losing HMS Calpe was a sad event for Gibraltar, and this honour bestowed on much respected and loved Mayor Tony Lima will reflect on all those who historically made up HMS Calpe. Well done Tony!'

The Government is now arranging a reception to mark His Worship's appointment.