



## MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **A True Music Stalwart:**

*Senator the Honourable Donna Cox*

*Extends Condolences on the Passing of Dr. Roy Cape*

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services joins the music and cultural fraternity, as well as the entire nation of Trinidad and Tobago, in extending our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and loved ones of the legendary musician and cultural stalwart, Dr. Roy Francis Cape.

Dr. Cape, a recipient of the Hummingbird Medal (Gold), was not only a celebrated musician but also a key figure in the promotion of soca and calypso music in Trinidad and Tobago and internationally. His contributions were recognized by the Ministry through the Special Achievers Grant, which provides eligible nationals with financial assistance in acknowledgment of their outstanding service to national development. Dr. Cape was a recipient of this grant.

Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox remarked that Dr. Cape's music, particularly through his band, Roy Cape All Stars, and the unmistakable sound of his saxophone, brought immense pride to our nation and gained international recognition.

Minister Cox stated that the Ministry is proud to support our national icons through initiatives such as the Special Achievers Grant. She further indicated that she remains confident that his legacy, which spanned more than fifty years, will continue to live on.

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