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CRU Pays Tribute to EPAC Chairman

The Constitutional Reform Program lost one of its most enthusiastic and staunch member and Chairman of the Eminent Persons Advisory Council (EPAC).

Sir George Dennis Gere Lepping GCMG, KstJ, MBE, is respected as one of the most prominent members within the Reform program, who came in as a senior Statesman and former Governor General of Solomon Islands.

His passing on 24 December 2014 is a true loss for the Reform Program.

Late Sir George's legacy in the Constitutional Reform Program will live on and is irreplaceable. He was passionate about the Reform, faithfully attending all the meetings. His strongly discussed States' autonomy and mostly Community Governments. He never shied away from speaking about giving equal value and treatment to Community Governments, as the Federal and States were discussed.

His approach to serious issues, during discussions of Joint Congress and EPAC meetings was diplomatic.

The late Sir George was laid to rest on his home island in the Shortland Islands (Western Province), in which he was a Paramount chief and traditional leader. The wealth of his professional and personal contributions to the Reform will be sorely missed.

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