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Good Afternoon, Madam Premier, Mr. Chairman, Colleagues, Branch Members, Family and Friends,

I want to thank the Progressive Labour Party (PLP) for selecting me as the candidate for Pembroke East in 2007. I am just as thankful and honoured that my Branch members and the Party have seen fit, once again, to select me to represent Pembroke East in the next General Election. Thank you especially to PLP branch members. Since 2007 they have canvassed with me and assisted me in carrying out my duties as a constituency representative. Their sacrifices and the time they give to me I know takes away from other personal duties. I thank all of them for what they do.

The past 4 years have been truly life changing. I have developed a strong relationship with the residents and voters of Pembroke East. During my visits and meetings I have been warmly received by the people living in the area and I believe I have their confidence and trust. In listening to and talking with residents I have been both educated and humbled, especially when I hear their passion for issues related to Pembroke East and their pride in being from this wonderful community.

Masakene, ***“Building One Another Together”***. We have been doing just that in Pembroke East:

from building of retaining walls; the paving of roads and speed bumps; clearing of derelict homes and overgrown areas; working to improve street lighting and water access; improvements to the Pigs Field; security cameras and standing together against violence in the community; working with neighborhood watch groups; and assisting with employment opportunities. This is just a short list of the work accomplished in Pembroke East and I look forward to our relationship continuing together.

When I was launched in 2007 I made the statement: ***“Trust received and service given will be my objective if elected to serve in Pembroke East...”*** This was my pledge to the residents in 2007 and I without a doubt believe I have kept that promise. I thank the voters for supporting me at the polls with over 81% of the vote in 2007. You allowed me into your homes, assessed my ability to represent your interests and gave me the opportunity to do so.

Thank you to the organisations in the area; the churches, schools, businesses and sports clubs that have opened their doors to me, allowing me to function in service of our residents.

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Finally: our country is facing challenges at this time unlike any other. Many people are hurting and are looking for help, for answers. I am working along with my colleagues to find answers provide solutions and there is more work to be done.

As we approach the period of decision, the public will have an important choice to make:

Which party has always had improving the quality of life of Bermudians at the heart of their philosophy?

Which party has led the struggle for economic justice for all?

Which party has had the development of our people and bringing them together as an objective?

It is the PLP. This is why I joined. This is why I serve. This is the party I stand for and this is the party that has already put forth the best plans to take our country, under its leadership, forward.

Lastly I thank my family for standing by me and giving me the support to serve our country. Nadine, Zara, all of you I thank you.

Thanks to all the people in Pembroke East for their faith and confidence in me and I look forward to being your representative long into the Future.

Thank you. END

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