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PRESS RELEASE

**DCSLL CELEBRATES MRS. VERNICE BELLONY ON RECEIVING
THE OECS CREDIT UNION PIONEER & LEGACY AWARD**



Mrs Vernice Bellony



**OECS Credit Union Pioneer and Legacy
Award presented to Vernice Bellony –
Dominica**

The Dominica Co-operative Societies League Limited (DCSLL), on behalf of the Credit Union Movement in Dominica, proudly extends its warmest congratulations to Mrs. Vernice Bellony, recipient of the prestigious OECS Credit Union Pioneer & Legacy Award, conferred by the OECS Credit Union Summit Committee.

Recognising Mrs. Bellony's exceptional and longstanding contribution to the development and advancement of the cooperative movement, the DCSLL, in consultation, was honoured to nominate her for this distinguished regional award. Her selection is a fitting tribute to a remarkable legacy of service, leadership and dedication spanning seven decades.

With a record of service dating back to 1956, Mrs. Bellony's contributions reflect an enduring commitment to the principles of cooperation, financial inclusion, community development and service to others.

Throughout her distinguished journey, Mrs. Bellony has played an instrumental role in shaping and strengthening Dominica's credit union movement. Her leadership, vision and unwavering commitment

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Credit Union Service Organizations

National Credit Solutions Ltd., CORP-EFF Ltd., MLajan Financial Technology Services Ltd

to cooperative values have contributed significantly to the growth and resilience of the sector, while inspiring successive generations of cooperative leaders and advocates.

Her contributions extend beyond institutional development. They embody the very essence of the cooperative philosophy: people helping people. Through her dedication and service, Mrs. Bellony has demonstrated the transformative power of cooperation in empowering individuals, strengthening communities and creating opportunities for sustainable development.

The DCSLL considers this regional recognition a fitting tribute to a remarkable pioneer whose influence and contributions have left an indelible mark on the cooperative landscape. It is also a moment of immense pride for Dominica's Credit Union Movement, as we celebrate one of our own whose service and achievements have earned recognition at the regional level.

As we reflect on Mrs. Bellony's extraordinary legacy, we are reminded that the strength of the cooperative movement rests upon the dedication, sacrifice and vision of those who have laid its foundation. Her example serves as both an inspiration and a responsibility for present and future generations to preserve and advance the values upon which the movement was built.

The Dominica Co-operative Societies League Limited proudly salutes Mrs. Vernice Bellony for her pioneering leadership, exemplary service and outstanding contribution to the cooperative movement.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved honour and historic achievement, and celebrate a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

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