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It is with Pleasure that nominate Mr. Reynold Ebanks of Westend, Cayman Brac. Mr. Reynold spent 34 years of his life dedicated to being a seaman. He has one wife, who he is still currently married too Mrs. Vita Ebanks also known as "Annalee" who excels in our heritage of thatch making to this day, and one son Barrington Ebanks. While at sea his wife was a schoolteacher.

From as long as I could remember he has told me stories of the world I had yet to see, the many corners of the world and the beautiful horizons beyond the eye could see. There were many rough seas, many strong winds, but he said there was many beautiful people, beautiful countries filled with such shocking beauty. Mr. Ebanks once said "Being a young boy from a small island, I set sail out to this big ocean with not knowing what to expect, but I knew I had to become a man and take care of my family! That is what the man is supposed to do". This struck as amazing, how one day you were spending time with "papa and mama" and the next one a big ship one a wide ocean not knowing what is going to happen or even if you will make it back home.

Throughout his seaman career he ranked from Masterman to Third Mate and then to Chief Officer. Mr. Ebanks sailed and docked around the world, some countries such as: Holland, Venezuela, Yutan, Germany, and England. He sailed with The National Burk, Hollis Ship and Hedberg through out his 34-year Seaman Career.

Along with him Spending 34 years of sailing, Mr. Ebanks Returned home and took part in working extremely hard to form the "bluff road" as know it. "Chalk" all the way to the light house. Upon learning this information, he also informed me that there was not any heavy equipment like he has today, his machete and hands were the tools he had. I can recall asking him as a child if he would do it all again, he laughed and replied " those were hard days that you young people will never have to go through because we paved the way for you, but I would just like to see my younger self and shake his hand."

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read this, I would be honoured if he were made a candidate for this award.