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## **SUNSHINE Awards® Bids Farewell to "Lady B" Beulah Bobb**

**Teaneck, New Jersey, 7 September, 2001..... The SUNSHINE Awards® organization today released the following statement:**

With the passing of Beulah Bobb (Lady B), the world of calypso has lost a talented artiste and performer. The SUNSHINE Awards® joins the people and Government of Trinidad and Tobago in mourning her untimely death. Beulah Bobb was an artiste whose creative talents as a singer and songwriter firmly established her as an elite calypsonian. Her passing is truly a loss to the world of calypso.

Lady B started her career as a teenager but it didn't take long before she had established herself as a first-class calypsonian and she was soon invited by the Mighty Sparrow to join his Young Brigade tent. She will be remembered for popular songs such as "Fight Back", "Hostage", "Adda Adda Ringbang" and "Whoa Donkey". She will also be remembered for being the only female calypsonian to have reached the semi-finals of the National Calypso Competition every year since 1977. This incredible record is second only to that of calypsonian-historian Chalkdust.

Lady B was a member of that elite group of female calypsonians, the United Sisters, which included Tigress, Singing Sandra and Marvelous Marva. As a group, and singularly, these dynamic female performers made their mark on calypso and on Caribbean music in general. Lady B will be remembered for her contribution to the popularity of that musical team.

She was a young, dynamic and talented performer, who shared her music, not only as a performer, but also as a mentor to young artistes. She was a generous individual, who undoubtedly will be remembered by the many whose lives she affected by her kindness.

Gil Figaro, Sr., Founder and Chairman of the SUNSHINE Awards®, commented on her passing by saying, "The SUNSHINE Awards® extends sincere condolences to the members of Beulah Bobb's family and to her many friends. Lady B was a very special lady and a wonderful calypsonian. She will be missed by the community of calypsonians, the people of Trinidad and Tobago and by lovers of calypso throughout the Caribbean."