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SPEECH BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR. W.A.C. GOODE,  
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As a Civil servant who has spent nearly all his working life in Malaya and the greatest part of that in what is now the Federation, working with and for its many charming people and in its many beautiful places, working - if I may say with respect - to the Hon. Member for Tampenis - not under the Union Jack but under the State flag of Pahang and under the State flag of Trengganu and under the State flag of Selangor and many other States which belong to the Federation - as one who has spent many very happy and deeply satisfying years in that territory, I should like to associate myself wholeheartedly with the message of congratulations and good wishes going from this Assembly to the Speaker and the Council of the Federation.

I am sure there are many others like me both here in Singapore and in other parts of the world who have a very real affection towards the Federation and its people and share in their rejoicing in getting independence and extend to them our deepest and most sincere good wishes for their future happiness, progress and prosperity.

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