

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT’S DAILY ACTIVITIES - Sunday, September 13, 2015

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today dedicated a newly constructed two-lane concrete bridge connecting Bushrod Island and Caldwell Township over the Stockton Creek valued at US\$8.3 million. The funds for the project was provided by the World Bank.

The Liberian leader named the bridge the “Jacob Samuel Melton Bridge” or “Jake Melton Bridge” in recognition of the enormous contributions and outstanding role of a true son of Caldwell and former Minister of Interior during the administration of the late President William V.S. Tubman.

Speaking to a jubilant crowd amid a heavy downpour of rain in Caldwell Township, President Sirleaf termed the afternoon a new day for the people of Caldwell Township and other adjoining communities because they will now experience easy access and free movement along that axis.

She told the residents that her government had promised to elevate them from the hardship of commuting on a dirt road that became deplorable during the raining season, a health hazard during the dry season, and on a dilapidated one-lane bridge built since the 1940s to a modern one.

The newly constructed Jake Melton Bridge is built over the Stockton Creek and is 110 and 13 meters in length and width, respectively. The dedication ends the first phase of the Caldwell road project. The road from Caldwell Junction to Louisiana has been paved with asphalt and street lights installed.

In August 2011, the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Public Works secured a grant through the Urban and Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project for the Studies, Conceptual Design and Pre-contract services for a new Caldwell bridge. The existing one lean bridge (now replaced), for many years provided important primary access to the areas.