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The unveiling ceremony of the Memorial Monument "Gate to Heaven" at the Georgian War Cemetery on Texel Island

Dear Members of the Municipal Council,

I am pleased to inform you that on **on April 9, 2025**, through the initiative and financial support of **Tinatin Svanidze Vancko**, as well as the joint cooperation of the Texel Municipality, the Netherlands Ministry of Defense, and the Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection, another monument featuring Georgian symbolism, the "Gate to Heaven," will be unveiled at the Georgian War Cemetery on Texel. From this day forward, the heroism of the Georgian fighters of Texel will be forever linked to the name of Georgia, commemorated by a memorial bearing Georgian symbols and an inscription from the Georgian national anthem: "Glory to freedom, glory to freedom."

The creation of the memorial monument "Gate to Heaven" in commemoration of the Georgian soldiers fallen in the Texel Uprising in 1945 is initiated and financially supported by the Founder of the Georgian Cultural Center in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Tinatin Svanidze Vancko. The architect and author of the design of the monument is sculptor David Khmaladze.

The year 2025 holds additional symbolic significance: It marks 80 years since the end of World War II. The event also commemorates the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Georgian Cultural Center and the Georgian Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Amsterdam. This event is a clear representation of the longstanding friendship and shared cultural-historical heritage between Georgia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The project's ultimate goal is to strengthen and deepen these connections and legacies.

This event, which embodies Georgia's national unity, sacrifice for the ideals of freedom, and patriotism, is not only an attempt to restore historical justice but also serves as a message for future generations.

It is our honor to invite you to the unveiling ceremony of the "*Gate to Heaven*", which will take place on **April 9, 2025, at 13:00 at the Georgian War Cemetery on Texel**. Your participation and engagement in this significant event are of great importance. We kindly ask you to confirm your attendance.



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Yours sincerely,

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