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Army General Raúl Castro Ruz, President of Cuba's Councils of State and Ministers, attended the headquarters of the Center for Martí Studies on Monday morning. Autor: Estudios Revolución Publicado: 30/11/2017 | 02:23 pm

Raúl Presides Over Ceremony in Tribute to Historic Leader of the Cuban Revolution

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA.— President of the Councils of State and Ministers, Army General Raúl Castro Ruz led the ceremony in tribute to the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz, on the first anniversary since his ashes were laid in the Santa Ifigenia cemetery, after having toured all along the country and having received the tribute of the whole people.

Just at daybreak, the Cuban National Anthem initiated the ceremony and the honor guard to Mariana Grajales, Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, José Martí and Fidel was relieved.

On behalf of the Cuban people a floral tribute was dedicated to the Commander in Chief at the stone which keeps its ashes, while the music band of the Armed Revolutionary Force General Staff played the melodyEterno Fidel.

Then Fidel was recalled in his speech revealing the concept of Revolution, in a mass rally at Havana's José Martí Square on Mayday of the year 2000, the one which has become the cornerstone of our struggle and to which millions of Cubans sworn loyalty on those memorable days of his funeral.

Accompanied by various members of the politburo and representatives from mass organizations, Raúl laid white flowers in tribute to Fidel, the Apostle José Martí, the Father of the homeland Carlos Manuel de Céspedes and the Mother of the homeland Mariana Grajales.

Before leaving the cemetery, the Army General visited the family vault which keeps the remains of brothers Josué and Frank País, two young revolutionary fighters of singular courage, to whom he also paid tribute with a white flower.

At the end of the ceremony, multitudinous pilgrimage of the people of Santiago de Cuba arrived at the Santa Ifigenia cemetery to honor the Commander in Chief. While advancing along the Patria avenue they choired: "Fidel is and will always be together with the Cubans". Recalling him this way, a year after his decease, is the best tribute

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