

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA
FIRST SESSION (2006-2007)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

RESOLUTION NO. 46

WHEREAS the First Session of the Fourth Legislative Council of the then British Guiana was opened on December 18, 1947;

AND WHEREAS Dr. Cheddi Jagan at the age of 29 was administered the oath as a Member of the Legislature on the said day, having won the seat for Central Demerara (Buxton to Kitty) at the November, 1947 elections;

AND WHEREAS Dr. Jagan's victory at the polls was unprecedented as it was the first occasion on which a militant representative of the working class secured a seat in the colonial Legislative Council;

AND WHEREAS his entry into the Legislative Council began a long and illustrious career as a dedicated Parliamentarian extending for a period of 45 years until 1992 when he became ineligible to remain seated on being elected the Executive President of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS he created his unique trade mark as a political leader, a trade unionist, a Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and subsequently, President of the nation;

AND WHEREAS Dr. C. Jagan was never deterred in the early days when almost every question he asked and every motion he tabled was left unanswered or defeated; nor did he ever stop believing that Parliament was the forum for the battle of ideas and representation;

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AND WHEREAS his career as a Parliamentarian was marked by his persistent and unrelenting struggle for the working people of the then British Guiana, for universal suffrage, for independence from British colonial rule, for fair and equitable trade relations, for the end to colonial and imperialist rule globally, and in the post-independence period for democracy;

AND WHEREAS on becoming President at his inaugural speech to the new Parliament he called on Parliament to become a truly deliberative forum,


RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly gives due recognition to this outstanding Guyanese who was the longest serving Member of the National Assembly on this the anniversary of his entrance to the Legislative 60 years ago;

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this National Assembly agrees to pay tribute to Dr. Cheddi Jagan as the longest serving Parliamentarian by the preparation of a special Edition of the Hansard containing a collection of his speeches spanning his tenure in the National Assembly for display in the Library of the National Assembly.

Passed by the National Assembly on 14th December, 2007.


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S. E. ISAACS
CLERK OF THE
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