

**NINTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYNA  
FIRST SESSION (2006-2008)  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 67**

**WHEREAS Mr. Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, O.E., S.C., was elected to the Legislative Assembly (now the National Assembly), on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1953, in the first General Elections held under Universal Adult Suffrage in the then British Guiana (now Guyana), and was appointed the Minister of Education in the First People's Progressive Party Government (PPP);**

**AND WHEREAS Mr. L. F. S. Burnham played a major role in the formation and development of both major political Parties in Guyana, in 1950, as the Chairman of the first mass political party in Guyana, the PPP and, in 1957, as the Founder Leader of the Peoples National Congress;**

**AND WHEREAS Mr. L. F. S. Burnham also played a major role, with others, in the struggle for political independence from Britain, which was accomplished on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 1966;**

**AND WHEREAS Mr. L. F. S. Burnham also guided the smooth and peaceful transition of Guyana to Republican status on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1970, while serving as the first Prime Minister of an independent Guyana;**

**AND WHEREAS Mr. Burnham served as a distinguished Parliamentarian for thirty years until 1980 when he became ineligible to remain seated on becoming the first Executive President of Guyana;**

**AND WHEREAS Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham was a major architect of the Caribbean integration movement, as exemplified by his role in the formation of CARIFTA, in 1968, CARICOM, in 1973 and the various other initiatives for the strengthening of Caribbean unity including, the promotion and hosting in Guyana of the first Caribbean Festival Of Arts, CARIFESTA, in 1972;**

**AND WHEREAS the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008 will mark the 23<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary of the Late Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham who died while serving as Guyana's first Executive President from 1980 to 1985;**

**RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly, on the FIFTY FIFTH YEAR of his ENTERING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, on the occasion of his TWENTY THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY and in the year of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CARICOM, gives due recognition to Mr. Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham for his extraordinary and outstanding career as a Guyanese leader;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly gives due recognition to the service of Mr. Forbes Burnham to the National Assembly and Guyana by requesting the Government to have prepared and published a collection of his speeches spanning his tenure in the National Assembly for display in the Library of the National Assembly;**

**URTHER RESOLVED,**

**That this National Assembly agrees that full sized portraits of each of the Presidents of Guyana should be commissioned and displayed in the Chambers of the National Assembly;**

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**FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That this National Assembly calls on the Government to designate a State Institution to be responsible for historical Research and Documentation to Chronicle and archive all of the works of each of the Presidents of Guyana for the benefit of future generations of Guyanese.

**Passed by the National Assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.**

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