

**TENTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA**

**FIRST SESSION (2012)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16**

WHEREAS this National Assembly acknowledges that the Parliament has been served with honour and distinction by outstanding leaders and Members of Parliament over the many decades;

AND WHEREAS on this day, the National Assembly duly honours two long serving Members of Parliament, Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., and Mr. Robert Corbin;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., served as a Member of Parliament for the Peoples' Progressive Party from May 18, 1965 to May 2, 2006;

AND WHEREAS during this period, Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., served, inter alia, as Chief Whip, Deputy Speaker, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Chairman of the Constitution Reform Select Committee and Leader of the House;

AND WHEREAS over a 14 year period he unstintingly served in high public office in government as Vice President, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., was and is recognized for his unparalleled knowledge and skills on the conduct of parliament, parliamentary rules and procedures, norms and conventions which were most particularly needed when he guided this National Assembly with a steady and fair hand in periods which are now considered critical and historic with regard to the evolution of our country's present day constitutional and parliamentary architecture;

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AND WHEREAS this House is of the unanimous opinion that such exemplary and dedicated public service to one's country must also be recognized by this National Assembly and in doing so call on present day Members of Parliament to emulate such selfless dedication and commitment,

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly pauses in its deliberations to pay homage and to honour this long serving Member of Parliament, Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., who has by example created an unchallenged legacy of leadership and integrity in public office;

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the National Assembly recognizes and congratulates Mr. Reepu Daman Persaud, O.R., for his sacrifice and service to Guyana and its people for decades and further recognizes that he continues to do so beyond the walls of these Chambers as a politician, a religious and cultural leader.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.*

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**S.E. ISAACS**  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*

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WHEREAS former Member of Parliament, Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, who demitted office as Leader of the Opposition on January 15, 2012 after the just concluded General and Regional Elections, has formerly announced his retirement from National Electoral politics;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, served continuously as a member of this National Assembly from August 2, 1973 to October 28, 1997 and from April 1, 2001 to January 15, 2012, totalling a period of 35 years 9 months and 26 days;

AND WHEREAS during the above mentioned period, Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, served Guyana as Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Secretary, Minister of State, Senior Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and on one occasion was sworn in and acting as President of the Co-operative of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, also served during the above period as an Opposition Member of Parliament holding several shadow portfolios and retired as Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, made sterling and exemplary contributions to the debates, policy decisions and other activities of the Parliament of Guyana;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, from his youth, also engaged in active politics in Guyana for most of his life, holding various offices in his Party, the Peoples National Congress Reform, including the Office of Leader of that Party;

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AND WHEREAS Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin, served Guyana in several other capacities before, during and after he was a member of this National Assembly such as Teacher, Public Officer, member of the Guyana Elections Commission, and Member of the International Board of the Parliamentary Network of the World Bank and IMF;

AND WHEREAS the members of this National Assembly have agreed that this body should recognise former Members, who made sterling contributions to the work of this National Assembly and Guyana, not only after their death but during their lifetime,

RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly places on record its due recognition of the contributions and appreciation for the services rendered by Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin to the National Assembly, the Government and the people of Guyana for in excess of 35 years;

FURTHER RESOLVED,

That this National Assembly conveys to Mr. Robert H.O. Corbin its appreciation for the services he rendered to the people of Guyana both in and out of the National Assembly over the last thirty five years.

*Passed by the National Assembly on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.*

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