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OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would provide for the conferment a special commemorative honour, the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour, on 120 persons including 60 members of the Protective Services, the Barbados Defence Force, the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism Agency and the Financial Intelligence Unit, whose exceptional service and achievements have contributed to the development of the nation of Barbados since attaining Independence and becoming a Republic.

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BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour Act, 2026*.

Interpretation

2. In this Act,

“Advisory Council” means the National Honours and Decorations Advisory Council established by section 7 of the *Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021* (Act 2021-23);

“Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour” means the honour established by section 3;

“field of endeavour” includes sport, health, science and technology, agriculture, the environment, culture and heritage, faith-based service, charitable service, community development, youth development, business and entrepreneurship, labour relations, public administration and governance, national security, emergency services, service to the Barbadian diaspora and international relations and representation;

“Order of Barbados” has the meaning assigned to it by section 4 of the *Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021* (Act 2021-23);

“Protective Services” means the Police Service, the Prison Service, the Fire Service, the Customs Service, the Immigration Service and the Security Guards Service.

Establishment of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour

3. There is established an honour entitled the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

Conferment of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour

4.(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the President may by instrument under the Public Seal confer the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour upon a person referred to in section 5.

(2) The power conferred on the President by subsection (1) shall be exercised by him on the advice of the Prime Minister.

(3) The Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour shall be conferred during the year 2026 on 120 individuals including 60 individuals who are members of the Protective Services, the Barbados Defence Force, the Anti-Corruption and Anti-Terrorism Agency and the Financial Intelligence Unit, in such proportion as the National Honours and Decorations Advisory Council determines.

(4) A conferment of the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour shall take effect from the date of the affixing of the Public Seal or from such other date as may be specified in the instrument.

Eligibility for conferment of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour

5. An individual who
- (a) was born in Barbados, is a citizen of Barbados or is entitled to be registered as a citizen of Barbados;
 - (b) has in any field of endeavour
 - (i) made an exceptional contribution to national development;
 - (ii) rendered distinguished service to Barbados;
 - (iii) demonstrated integrity, leadership and exemplary conduct; or
 - (iv) achieved distinction in his profession, occupation or vocation; and
 - (c) is not a member of the Order of Barbados and has not received an honour under the *Barbados Jubilee Honour Act, 2016* (Act 2016-16),

is eligible for the conferment of the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

Submission and consideration of nominations

6.(1) Any person may submit to the Advisory Council for its consideration, within such period and in accordance with such procedures as the Advisory Council may determine, a nomination of an individual described in section 5 for conferment of the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

(2) The Advisory Council shall consider the nominations submitted and make recommendations to the Prime Minister in respect of the conferment of the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

Publication and registration

7. The names of the persons upon whom the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour is conferred shall be

- (a) published in the *Official Gazette*; and
- (b) entered into a register, to be called the Register of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honours, established and maintained for the purpose.

Post nominals and insignia

8.(1) Every person upon whom the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour is conferred is entitled to

- (a) have the letters “B.D.A.” placed after his name on all occasions when the use of letters after a name is customary; and
- (b) wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for holders of the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the letters “B.D.A.” mean Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour.

Revocation of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour

9.(1) The President, acting on the advice of the Prime Minister, may revoke the Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour conferred on a person where

- (a) the person brings Barbados into disrepute or engages in dishonourable conduct; or
- (b) the honour was obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

(2) Where a Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honour is revoked, the revocation shall be recorded in the Register of Barbados Diamond Anniversary Honours.

Consequential amendment to Act 2021–23

10. Section 1 of the *Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021* (Act 2021-23) is amended by deleting the word “Bill” and substituting the word “Act”.