

RESOLUTION

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS The Right Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford, KA, JP, and one of His Majesty's Counsel passed this life on the 26th June, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Personal Assistant to the then Prime Minister, Rt. Excellent Errol W. Barrow in the Years 1966 to 1967; as a Member of the Honourable the Senate from 1967 to 1971; and was a Member of this House from 1971 to 1999;

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd served as Minister of Education and Culture from 1965 to 1971; Minister of Education, Youth Affairs, Community Development and Sports from 1971 to 1975; Minister of Health from 1975 to 1976; Deputy Prime Minister from 1986 to 1987 and as fourth Prime Minister of Barbados from 1987 to 1994 during which latter period he held the portfolio of Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs and finally as this country's first Resident Ambassador to The People's Republic of China from 2010 to 2013;

AND WHEREAS this former honourable member of Parliament and Diplomat, the teacher, author, sometime poet and sportsman had a love and passion for education to his core and his record as Minister of Education speaks eloquently for itself, in the building of and expansion of a large number of secondary schools;

the establishment of the Barbados Community College, a Sixth Form institution; and the Samuel Jackman Prescod Institute of Technology, his way of developing a nation of versatile and well educated people.

AND WHEREAS the dire and dark economic woes we experienced as a nation in the early 1990s were confronted by Sir Lloyd as Minister of Finance resolutely with fortitude and a singleness of purpose by rigidly advocating economic and social policies to restore the solvency of this country, that at times saw him despised and rejected but out of which came the restoration and saw the birth and early development of the Social Partnership, a legacy of stability for his beloved country and an exemplar for the Caribbean in general.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd exuded a passion for regional and Caribbean integration and contributed with alacrity to and championed the advancement of the Grande Anse Declaration and the work programme for the Integration Movement and further conceptualized the establishment of the Assembly of Caribbean Parliamentarians which though short lived is still a beacon for the region's integration.

AND WHEREAS Sir Lloyd ensured that Barbados would rise to the occasion to allow Barbados to play its role in the fight to prepare the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) to play a more critical role in the fight to battle the existential crisis of climate by offering to host the first Global Conference on Sustainable Development of SIDS which led to the Barbados Programme of Action on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

AND WHEREAS in this battle, he has left to guide our approach the “Ode to the Environment” which was prescient in his analysis of what we faced as planet and as people.

AND WHEREAS this distinguished and illustrious son of the soil born of humble origins was the epitome of amity, civility, humility and integrity the quintessence of the gentler and kinder Barbados he envisaged and advocated.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable the House pay the accolade of its highest tribute to the late Rt. Honourable Sir Lloyd Erskine Sandiford as an exemplar of dignity, courage, compassion, and humanity and leadership by example and share the sorrow felt by a grateful Nation and extend its deepest sympathies to his widow, Angelique, Lady Sandiford, children Garth and Inga and to his other relatives and express its wish that they be comforted by the memory of a life lived selflessly and in the service of his Nation and people.

Dated the day of July 2023.

SPEAKER