

ANNOUNCEMENT

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, MR. S. R. NATHAN – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – ADDRESS

Mr Speaker: Hon. Members, we are privileged and deeply honoured to have, in our midst this morning, His Excellency, Mr S. R. Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore. We are also thankful to His Excellency for having kindly accepted to address the House.

Hon. Members, His Excellency, Mr S. R. Nathan, is serving a second mandate as President of the Republic of Singapore. His Excellency has had a fruitful and successful career in the Singapore Civil Service that started way back in 1955.

Throughout his long and outstanding career as a Civil Servant, His Excellency has had the opportunity to serve in various positions, and has been conferred with various distinctions and recognition for his commitment and dedicated service. The exemplary manner in which His Excellency has served his country as a career Civil Servant should no doubt be a source of inspiration and a model for all of us to emulate.

Your Excellency, your presence among us heralds a new era in the long standing relations between Mauritius and Singapore. While consolidating the existing friendly ties, it gives us the opportunity to develop new vistas of cooperation in numerous fields.

Your Excellency, on behalf of the hon. Members of the National Assembly of Mauritius and in my own name, I extend a special and very warm welcome to Your Excellency, the First Lady, and to all members of Your Excellency's delegation.

I have now the pleasure to invite Your Excellency to address the House.