

**The Prime Minister:** Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like, on your behalf and on behalf of all the Members of this House, to express our heartfelt thanks to Her Excellency, the President of the Republic of India for her insightful and inspiring address.

Excellency, Your extraordinary personal journey is a living example of the triumph of patience, determination and dedication over adversity.

We have found in you, Madam President, a true friend of Mauritius on whom we can rely to take our friendship and partnership to new heights.

Mauritius has always shared the vision, values and ideals underpinning the actions of India's great leaders.

This Assembly is indeed greatly honoured by your distinguished presence; a presence which bears testimony to the unique bonds that unite the people of our two countries – Bonds based on shared values, cultural diversity and shared historical experiences.

Our friendship is unshakeable and our partnership is unbreakable.

Let us, therefore, on this special occasion, Excellency, renew our special relationship for the new generation and new times.

Excellency, it is my privilege, on behalf of Mr Speaker, of all the Members of the Assembly on both sides of the House and the Clerk of the Assembly to thank you once again for this distinct honour that you have bestowed upon our Parliament by your presence and your enlightening address. It is certainly a day that will leave an indelible imprint in the memories of all our people.

Thank you.

*(Applause)*

*The House stood adjourned to Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 11.30 a.m.*