

House Resolution 497

By: Representatives Adeyina of the 110th, Beckles of the 96th, Berry of the 56th, and Bell of the 75th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Winston "Gypsy" Peters; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, over the course of five decades, Winston "Gypsy" Peters, has charted many
3 paths and has earned many titles and much recognition along the way; and
- 4 WHEREAS, hailing from Mayaro, Trinidad, this son of the soil is recognized as one of
5 Trinidad and Tobago's most prolific calypsonians and is a former Calypso Monarch; and
- 6 WHEREAS, gaining considerable acclaim for his calypso contributions, Gypsy is an
7 international performer, most famous for his timeless hit songs *Sinking Ship*, *Little Black*
8 *Boy*, *Rhythm of a People*, *I'm a Warrior*; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Gypsy has earned numerous accolades throughout his career including
10 receiving the Chaconia Medal Silver in 1988 for his outstanding contribution to the
11 development of Calypso music in Trinidad and Tobago; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded as one of the world's best Extempo artists, having won
13 the National Extempo Finals 14 times over the course of his career; and

14 WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to the people of Trinidad and Tobago extends
15 far beyond entertainment arenas and cultural ambassadorship; Gypsy is a former Minister of
16 Community Development, former Minister of Arts and Multiculturalism for the Government
17 of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, a former president of the Trinbago Unified
18 Calypsonians Organization, and a former vice-president of the Copyright Organization of
19 Trinidad and Tobago; and

20 WHEREAS, currently, Gypsy proudly serves his nation as the Chairman of the National
21 Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago, the organization that manages all Carnival
22 activities under the Government's aegis; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished musician and public servant be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend the significant cultural and musical
27 contributions of Winston "Gypsy" Peters and extend the most sincere best wishes for
28 continued health and happiness.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
31 Winston "Gypsy" Peters.