

ANNOUNCEMENT – ORBITUARY
AT THE SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2011

Late Mr Désiré Jean Claude Augustave

Mr Speaker, Sir,

It is with deep regret that we have learnt of the demise of Mr Désiré Jean Claude Augustave on 31 May 2011 at the age of 59.

Mr Désiré Jean Claude Augustave was born on 5 May 1952.

Mr Augustave was only sixteen when he first engaged himself in politics as an activist of the Labour Party in the General Elections of 1967.

Later, Mr Augustave joined the Mouvement Militant Mauricien and stood as a candidate in the General Elections in 1976. He was returned as the Third Member for Constituency No. 14 - Savanne and Black River.

In 1978, Mr Augustave left the Mouvement Militant Mauricien and joined the Labour Party. In 1980, he was appointed to serve as

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Employment and Internal Communications, a post which he held until December 1981.

Subsequently, Mr Augustave went abroad to pursue higher studies and obtained a degree in Sociology.

In 1993, Mr Augustave returned to Mauritius and devoted his life for the betterment of the downtrodden. His sociological background led him to be solicited for interventions by the United Nations Development Programme.

Mr Augustave was very active in several Non Governmental Organizations. He was one of the founder members of the “Mouvement Pour le Progrès de Roche Bois”.

As Director of “L’Etoile D’Espérance” he helped in the rehabilitation of many alcoholic women.

He also contributed to the creation of “l’Atelier Mozart” for imparting musical skills to a lot of young Mauritians.

Mr Augustave was also the Director of the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture from 2002 to 2006.

Mr Speaker, Sir,

May I request you to be kind enough to direct the Clerk of the National Assembly to convey the deep condolences of the Government and of the House to the bereaved family.

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