

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas King Hussein ibn Talal al-Hashem was born in Amman on November 14, 1935;

Whereas he was proclaimed King of Jordan in August of 1952 at the age of 17 following the assassination of his grandfather, King Abdullah and the abdication of his father, Talal;

Whereas King Hussein became the longest serving head of state in the Middle East, working with every United States President since Dwight D. Eisenhower;

Whereas under King Hussein, Jordan has instituted wide-ranging democratic reforms;

Whereas throughout his life, King Hussein survived multiple assassination attempts, plots to overthrow his government and attacks on Jordan, invariably meeting such attacks with fierce courage and devotion to his Kingdom and its people;

Whereas despite decades of conflict with the State of Israel, King Hussein invariably maintained a dialogue with the Jewish state, and ultimately signed a full-fledged peace treaty with Israel on October 26, 1994;

Whereas King Hussein has established a model for Arab-Israeli coexistence in Jordan's ties with the State of Israel, including deepening political and cultural rela-

tions, growing trade and economic ties and other major accomplishments;

Whereas King Hussein contributed to the cause of peace in the Middle East with tireless energy, rising from his sick bed at the last to assist in the Wye Plantation talks between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas King Hussein fought cancer with the same courage he displayed in tirelessly promoting and making invaluable contributions to peace in the Middle East;

Whereas on February 7, 1999, King Hussein succumbed to cancer in Amman, Jordan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) extends its deepest sympathy and condo-
4 lences to the family of King Hussein and to all the
5 people of Jordan in this difficult time;

6 (2) expresses admiration for King Hussein's en-
7 lightened leadership and gratitude for his support
8 for peace throughout the Middle East;

9 (3) expresses its support and best wishes for
10 the new government of Jordan under King Abdullah;

11 (4) reaffirms the United States commitment to
12 strengthening the vital relationship between our two
13 governments and peoples.

1 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to
2 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family
3 of the deceased.

Passed the Senate February 8, 1999.

Attest:

Secretary.

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Honoring the life and legacy of King Hussein ibn
Talal al-Hashem.