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**Thailand appreciates warm friendship from America during
Royal Cremation Ceremony of His Majesty Late King Bhumibol Adulyadej**



The Royal Thai Embassy would like to express our sincere appreciation to the United States Government and the American people for their warm friendship and solidarity extended to the people of Thailand during the Royal Cremation Ceremony of His Majesty late King Bhumibol Adulyadej on October 26, 2017.

The Thai people were honored by the presence of Secretary of Defense James Mattis who attended the Royal Cremation Ceremony in Thailand, as Special Envoy of President Donald J. Trump. We appreciate the goodwill that he conveyed to Thailand on behalf of the American people.

The Thai people were also touched by the message from Secretary of State Rex Tillerson who hailed His Majesty late King Bhumibol Adulyadej as “a true humanitarian, visionary, and friend to the United States” and the fact that His Majesty had been a champion of Thailand - U.S. friendship throughout his reign.

During the day of the Royal Cremation on October 26, thousands of Thais, Thai-Americans and many American friends gathered to pay their final respects to the beloved Thai monarch. On that day, long lines of mourners could be seen at almost 60 Thai temples across the United States from the East Coast to the West Coast and in Alaska and Hawaii. The solidarity on display reflected the best of friendship between Thais and Americans, which has been a hallmark of the strong and enduring ties between the two nations.

In remembrance of the close connection between His Majesty late King Bhumibol Adulyadej and his birthplace at the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a proclamation that October 26, 2017 be “King Bhumibol Adulyadej Day”. The Mayor of Boston also made a similar proclamation for the City of Boston to mark the special relationship with the Thai monarch.

Thailand will continue to work closely with all partners in the United States to build on the legacy of His Majesty late King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and ensure that the alliance and friendship between Thailand and the United States will be further strengthened in the years and decades ahead.

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