



HOUSE OF LORDS

**Tributes to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh**

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*Motion for a Humble Address moved in the Chamber
on 12 April 2021*

*Moved by **Baroness Evans of Bowes Park***

To move that a Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty as follows—

“Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to convey to Your Majesty the heartfelt sympathy of this House on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Prince Philip gave selfless public service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth for over seventy years. He will be remembered for His distinguished Naval service in the Second World War and, following marriage to Your Majesty, for His energy and commitment across so many areas of national life, including conservation, science and technology, design, sport and Your Armed Forces. His major achievement in creating the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has transformed the lives of millions of young people around the world. Above all His role at the side of Your Majesty, supporting Your life of service as our Sovereign and encouraging the work of Your family, has been a steadfast presence for us all.

We assure Your Majesty that His memory will be held dear by those who knew Him and honoured in the history of our country. Our prayers join with those of the entire nation for His Royal Highness, and for Your Majesty and all the Royal Family at this sad time of loss and sorrow.”

The Lord Speaker (Lord Fowler): The Humble Address rightly conveys the heartfelt sympathy of the House of Lords and assures Her Majesty and all the Royal Family of our prayers. Together with them, we mourn.

The nation and the whole Commonwealth have lost one of their greatest figures, but we remember that His Royal Highness was also a Member of the House of Lords for many years. He was introduced on 21 July 1948, just before Earl Mountbatten of Burma—someone who was supremely formative in his early life.

Although he never spoke in this House, he attended countless times alongside Her Majesty the Queen for the State Opening of Parliament. The images of them

walking through the Royal Gallery and seated on the Thrones in the House of Lords Chamber are some of the most iconic of our age.

Looking beyond the splendour and pageantry, however, it is an image that goes to the heart of their relationship. It speaks of patience, constancy and fidelity. The visible presence of Prince Philip alongside Her Majesty the Queen for over seven decades provides a glimpse into the unique role he played in private, supporting Her Majesty and serving the Crown humbly and selflessly. Today, we give thanks for the sacrifices he made and for the immeasurable good that he did. His legacy will live on, as will our sincere gratitude.

Lord Risby: History may well record that the reign of Queen Elizabeth II has been the most successful ever. Indispensable to that was Prince Philip, with his abundant common sense, energy and total support of Her Majesty, his commitment to causes and projects that were ahead of their time. His life and work will unquestionably stand the test of time, and deservedly so.

Lord Jay of Ewelme: In 1947, my father was the commanding officer of a naval establishment in which Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, as he then was, served. When that year he was detained longer than expected at Holyrood, he wrote to my father, in a letter I now have, promising to work through August to make up the lost days. I was fortunate to see this same commitment to service, evident throughout his days in the Royal Navy, when Prince Philip represented Her Majesty the Queen at ceremonies on the Normandy beaches when I was ambassador to France, and at the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph when I was Permanent Secretary at the FCO. It was a huge privilege to have known him and, along with countless others, to have learned from his example. I send my deepest sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen.

Lord Benyon: His Royal Highness was a unique personality for these times. His intellect and his fascination for innovation and science meant that he could stimulate discussion and be a thought leader in a way that no other did or could. It is worth considering that when he married the then Princess Elizabeth relatively few in this country owned a car or a television. There were to be many decades before computers were a household item and even more before the internet was invented. He managed to see the value, and on occasions the threat, of each new innovation and apply his mind to how they would affect our lives.

He was an environmentalist before it became fashionable. He would probably recoil at being called that, but his environmentalism was deeply practical and was born out of a clear understanding of how all our lives depend on how we treat nature. It manifested itself in his writing, in his leadership of global conservation bodies and in the entirely practical way in which he managed the royal estates. A manager of one of those estates once told me that His Royal Highness would frequently come into his office and ask the one question that needed asking and that was the most difficult to answer.

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That ability to be ahead of his time has sustained the institution of the monarchy in a way few realise. His ability to push against the advice of many in his belief that the institution should embrace modern media and modern methods of communication. This has helped position the Royal Family to continue to be relevant to the vast majority of people in this country and the Commonwealth, now and in the future.

It is these and many other attributes of this remarkable man, for which we should always be grateful.

Lord Spencer of Alresford: His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh was an extraordinary and indeed a genuinely great man of his generation, not only as an outstanding consort to Her Majesty the Queen but as a visionary of the future in terms of technology and conservation and independent opinion. We were very lucky to have had him, and his departure is a great loss to his family and to our nation.

Baroness Gardner of Parkes: As an Australian, I was one of the local residents at the time of the first visit of the Queen and the Duke when they came to visit that country. The excitement of the Queen's first royal visit was extreme. I can remember waiting in a great group of people for their arrival and the joy greeting the moment when the couple stepped on to Australian soil. I believe that was in Melbourne.

Everyone wanted to see the royal couple. My brother-in-law Kevin, who was 6 feet 4 inches, was more than surprised when a stranger put a small ladder against his frame and ran up to stand on his shoulders to ensure that they had the view they were seeking. They had very good fortune in finding such a tall man at the right moment.

Later in the visit, I was among those invited to a garden party in Sydney in the grounds of the governor's residence. Large numbers of morning-suited young men were hanging from the trees to get a view of the royal couple. The great subject of discussion and interest while waiting was what sort of hat the Queen would be wearing. Everyone wanted to see the Queen's face, and they were concerned that to protect her beautiful English skin she would need a large shady hat that would obscure her face.

On her arrival, the problem was solved very affectively. The hat was a transparent black straw with two beautiful feathers, strong pink and strong blue. This enabled everyone to see the Queen's face and to marvel at the ingenuity that so effectively solved the public need whilst protecting her Majesty from the super strong sunshine.

More recently, Kevin was Lord Mayor of Westminster, and in that capacity there were a number of occasions when we met the Queen and the Duke and their family members. Kevin died in 2007. When, a couple of years ago, we were allowed to have a reception in the picture gallery of the palace, the Duke of Edinburgh hosted the reception for the charity Plan International. He spoke to every individual and told them the pictures that they must not miss. We were all amazed by the energy he had and the effort he made to include all present in his wide-sweeping welcome.

We have been very fortunate in the support that the Royal Family have given to the local communities, and we thank them for this.

Lord Carlile of Berriew: I first saw the Prince shortly after the Coronation. I was a small boy standing by the roadside waving a flag as the new Queen and Prince Philip passed by. My parents, refugees from Nazism, instilled into me how lucky we all were to be living in the United Kingdom under this wonderful young couple.

The next time I saw them together was in the House of Commons in 1983, at my first State Opening as a young MP. They shone still, now as the couple who permeated and provided the foundations for our cherished way of life.

Of course, the Prince was much more than consort. His vision of the environment, his strength as an individual, his determination always to be a proud symbol of the nation that he had adopted were all signs of his stature and his influence on British people, young an old, whatever their origins.

Lord Levene of Portsoken: I had the great privilege of meeting His Royal Highness on a number of different occasions over the years and whilst acting in a number of different appointments. Primarily I had the most frequent interface with him during my appointment as the Lord Mayor of London. He was associated with several different livery companies and until very recently was the Permanent Master of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, of which Lady Levene is a liveryman. He was, as ever, totally up to speed with the issues facing each of the companies with which he was associated or visited.

I had the opportunity of representing the lord mayor at the dinner, hosted by the liveries with which His Royal Highness was associated, to celebrate his 90th birthday at which Her Majesty the Queen was in the unusual position of not being the guest of honour. This presented a fascinating challenge to the masters of protocol. On that occasion, I was about to conduct His Royal Highness up the ceremonial staircase, and asked him if he would wait a moment as the choir were preparing to sing "Happy Birthday" as he mounted the stairs. His reply: "All my friends are waiting in the bar. That's where I am going." He went on to enjoy the meal and make a typically serious and amusing speech. It was a memorable evening.

On another occasion, I was seated next to him at a Trafalgar Night dinner at Mansion House, preparing to sing the traditional songs. I said that I thought the words printed on the menu referring to heart of oak rather than the plural were wrong. The Duke immediately responded, "Warships are built out of heart of oak, not the plural." I was put right very quickly.

He was a frequent guest in both the Mansion House and the Guildhall, where he was always an extremely welcome and very popular guest. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to enjoy his company and to understand the enormous contribution he made to every aspect of the life of the United Kingdom.

Baroness Goudie: I and my family express our deepest sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal Family.

I was privileged to have met Prince Philip a number of times and have the fondest of memories. Prominent amongst his legacies are his encouragement of the use of the Charities Aid Foundation, his activities and enthusiasm as chancellor of the University of Edinburgh for over half a century, and his leadership on conservation before that was fashionable. We have you all in our prayers. With sympathy and love.

Lord Pickles: I am just a few days away from celebrating my sixty-ninth birthday, so I was born a couple of months into the reign of Her Majesty the Queen. His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen have always been there in the background of my life, a familiar and comforting presence. It was not until I was elected as a councillor and later as an MP that I met him and other members of the Royal Family at various public events.

I was at the Buckingham Palace reception for MPs that featured so heavily with stories over the weekend. I will not add to the anecdotes, except to say that it was a memorable and enjoyable evening, with the Duke forthright in his views.

A death at such an advanced age is not unexpected, but it is still a shock. Even though I did not really know him other than at official events, his passing brought back many memories of my own family. The same seems to be true of others, in this country and beyond. I am the head of the UK delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, and over the past few days I have received messages of condolence from my opposite numbers. It seemed strange at first. Then I realised they wanted to say to someone they knew in Britain that they missed the Duke and were grateful for all he had done for the world. Many mentioned conservation and the environment, his work with young people and his leadership through the dark days of rebuilding Europe after the Second World War.

Lord Alton of Liverpool: Beyond the public tributes being paid to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is the loss of a husband, the Queen's "strength and stay", for more than 70 years. Our first thoughts are with her as she mourns and grieves his death. In what has proved to be a season of suffering, many families will be able to identify with her sense of loss.

A permanent memorial to Prince Philip will be the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, presented to millions of young people. Founded in 1956 and established in 144 nations, I fondly remember the Duke's playful banter and personal encouragement to my son and his friends as he presented their awards to them. He left them knowing that they had achieved something important and worth while. May he rest in peace.

Lord Goodlad: His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh has been an inspiration not only to people of every generation in this country, but throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. His selfless service to The Queen, the armed services, especially

the Royal Navy, numerous charities and organisations, together with his care for people from all walks of life have been an example to all. Participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme has enhanced the lives of millions. His vision in environmental matters, applied with imagination and determination over many decades, has given the world greater hope for the future.

As Comptroller and then Treasurer of Her Majesty's Household, as Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as High Commissioner in Australia, where Prince Philip was greatly admired, and as chairman of the Britain-Australia Society, of which His Royal Highness was for many years the patron, I have had the personal privilege, in the humblest of ways, of observing Prince Philip's dedication to duty and his capacity to inspire respect and devotion in all with whom he came into contact. Prince Philip will live on in our memories. I send my condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal Family.

Lord Hylton: I wish to recall and pay tribute to the understanding and concern that His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh had for good quality housing for people working in rural areas. He chaired a working party on this issue, whose report was debated in the House of Lords.

Lord Murphy of Torfaen: I should like to add my personal tribute to the Duke. I met him on a number of occasions, mainly when I was either the Welsh or the Northern Ireland Secretary of State. He took a keen interest in the issues of the day and was always an engaging conversationalist. I first saw him on a royal visit to Newport in the very early 1950s, and he has been a part of all our lives for so long. He will be greatly missed, and I extend my condolences to Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales and all the members of his family. May he rest in peace.

Baroness Goldie: As an MSP from the inception of the Scottish Parliament in 1999 until 2016, I was privileged to meet His Royal Highness on a number of occasions. The commitment of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip to the Scottish Parliament was demonstrable and very important to the fledgling institution and the pride of Scotland in its new Parliament.

The Prince brought an inimitable sparkle to these events. He was an interesting and charismatic human being, well informed, and a probing interrogator with a mischievous and engaging sense of humour. It was always a delight to meet him. His personal support to her Majesty and his constitutional support as her consort was manifest. In these roles his contribution to public life is immeasurable. Many have commented on his legacy, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, but I think his greatest legacy is the example he set of duty and public service discharged with humanity, wisdom and wit. That is enduring and indelible. I extend my sympathies to Her Majesty the Queen and to her family.

Lord Ramsbotham: In agreeing with every word of the Motion, and adding my deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, as a

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Rifleman I will always treasure the photographs of him at his last public engagement, wearing the tie of The Rifles and talking animatedly to two buglers in their rifle green uniforms. To me, that is the perfect example of his energetic commitment to all the Armed Forces throughout his long life. I will never forget a small dinner party he summoned, when I was Chief Inspector of Prisons, to discuss the criminal justice system. He showed an acute understanding of both the inspection process and the system as a whole. He made a unique contribution to the life of the nation. We shall never see his like again.

Baroness Couttie: As the nation mourns the loss of Prince Philip, our thoughts turn to the remarkable contribution he made to the country throughout his life. It is characterised by self-sacrifice, duty and hard work. Stepping away from what many believe would have been an illustrious naval career he loved to stand by his wife and Queen, supporting her throughout her long reign, could not have been easy, particularly as it came earlier in his life than had been expected, yet he did so with dignity.

His energy and intellect ensured that he found new passions and interests that provided him with an opportunity to provide a unique contribution to Great Britain. His role in modernising the monarchy, making it more accessible to the man in the street, and his life-changing Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which he created to support the young of Britain and help them to reach their full potential, leaves a valuable legacy which the many who have benefitted from this opportunity will be profoundly grateful for.

Many have spoken of his bluntness and his frank speaking, which often caught those he was meeting off guard. I have been on the receiving end of some of his comments, which could often lead one to be lost for words, particularly as one did not know if the desired riposte was appropriate to make to a member of the Royal Family. However, these remarks always raised a smile and gave one good dinner party stories. He was a man of character, and a robust personality that stood out. His loss to the nation is profound, and my family and I send the Royal Family our deepest condolences.

Baroness Wilcox of Newport: I offer my sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the sad loss of His Royal Highness The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. It was a life well lived and one steeped in public service and duty. May he rest in peace. Er cōf annwyl.

Lord Tebbit: His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was best known to the public as the consort of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. However, his record of service to this, his adopted country, began with his wartime service as a young naval officer who saw active service in the Pacific.

I remember his vivid description in a personal conversation of standing on the flight deck of a Royal Navy aircraft carrier as it was struck by a Japanese Kamikaze bomber. His marriage to the young Queen Elizabeth brought him to be her stalwart supporter in

both public and private life and opened the way for the introduction of schemes to lift the lives of young people out of tedium through the introduction of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. His support for sensible natural conservation measures did not extend to sympathy for "bunny huggers", nor did it conflict with his active participation in shooting. I think I know, but dare not put into words, his thoughts on the present generation of woke-folk. Perhaps our dates of birth had more influence on our thinking than our places of birth. He was a good man.

Lord Owen: I write as Lord Owen of the City of Plymouth, a former Under-Secretary of State for the Royal Navy from 1968-70 and Foreign Secretary from 1977-79. I was the longest ever serving MP for Plymouth constituencies, the city in which I was born, from 1966-92.

I met Prince Philip on many different occasions and saw at close hand his love for the Royal Navy and regard and love for him. Small-boat owners in their own little vessels sailing and fishing in and around Devon and Cornwall also looked to him. They felt he was on their side on all matters connected with the sea where they struggled to make their views count. Too many times to count I watched how, after his visits, the logjams, difficulties and obstructions eased or were lifted, and I knew he had put in his views to the "powers that be". Sitting on the Admiralty Board, the situation was much the same. He neither pushed too hard nor too softly, and the matters were "bloody obvious" and very often resolved on that basis, few words or documents passing, so it was easy to underestimate his impact.

I accompanied the Queen and Prince Phillip three times on the Royal Yacht "Britannia". In Torbay reviewing the fleet, which we did in those days, I shared a day cabin with his uncle, Dickie Mountbatten, and saw at first hand their close and important relationship as we toured ship after ship.

On the Queen's second state visit to Germany in 1978, the Royal Yacht exercised with the two navies at sea. Dining on board with Germans from many walks of life, including their then Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, showed me the virtues of having a Royal Yacht. On a unique visit to Saudi Arabia in 1979, the sight of the departing King enthusiastically waving his walking stick at the Queen on the bridge as Prince Philip showed him to his car was a memorable moment. I had just recognised the revolutionary Iranian Government following the recommendation to do so by the Foreign Office. The King appreciated how Britain had not publicly hedged our bets or undermined the Shah, by then in exile. In a cynical world, loyalty still matters immensely, and the Queen and Prince Philip represented that virtue around the world.

My final debt to Prince Philip stems from living in Limehouse on the River Thames opposite Greenwich. Throughout his life he did more than anyone else to safeguard and champion the sailing ship the "Cutty Sark", particularly its restoration after the devastating fire in 2007. Its land berthing dock is the place where the

Merchant Navy has its official memorial. Prince Philip personally persuaded a Russian friend of mine, Alisher Usmanov, and his wife to donate £3 million, in thanks for the sailors who lost their lives on the Arctic convoys carrying food and ammunition to Archangel in northern Russia during World War II.

The Earl of Lytton: Although I did not know him personally, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh touched everyone by his outstanding example of unwavering duty, courage in the face of difficulty and gallantry in his steadfast support for Her Majesty and the Royal Family. In doing so, he enchanted the nation with his sense of fun and fascination with the world, often wryly observed, and at the same time making everyone feel included and valued. For these qualities not only will he be greatly missed but, most of all, remembered with huge affection and with a profound sense of national pride.

Baroness Neville-Jones: I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. I did not have the good fortune to meet him, but two characteristics stood out from afar: the devoted support he gave to the Queen and his determination to forward the interests of this country and its people and of those of the Commonwealth without distinction as to race, sex, faith or age. His humanity spoke to the world. He will be much missed, but his legacy will endure.

Lord Butler of Brockwell: If the United Kingdom has a worldwide reputation for public service, as I believe we do, it is the Queen and Prince Philip who have set the paradigm over the last 70 years. Together they have provided a standard of duty and excellence in everything they have touched throughout the four nations of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, which has been recognised around the world.

Starting from his service in the Second World War, Prince Philip has represented qualities of leadership, loyalty and courage, as well as zest for life, which have been an inspiration to people of all generations. Despite his prominent role in an extraordinary range of areas of national life, it is significant that he has never been accused of partisanship. That is because he has sought tirelessly to promote the things that we all want for our nation and the world: technological advance combined with ecological conservation, self-reliance combined with service to others, uncompromising standards combined with understanding of the human condition. Although he has left us, he remains in our lives through the example he has set and the many life-changing initiatives he has bequeathed.

Lord Carey of Clifton: During my term of office as Archbishop of Canterbury from 1991-2002, I met His Royal Highness on many occasions. In one of the earliest of them he commented that our two roles, although different, had an important factor in common. I expressed some scepticism, but he continued: 'We have no power, but we have considerable influence'.

He used his influence with imagination, humour and passion. The range of his interests was truly impressive. Whether it was science, technology, conservation or the arts, he approached them all with a sharpened intelligence and true interest. This was certainly so with matters of faith. He took a genuine interest in theology and was quite prepared to challenge what he could not accept. I recall a lively conversation with him about the writings of the theologian Hans Küng. We discussed Küng's opposition to his Church's teaching. Freedom to believe or the opposite was for Prince Philip the basis of faith as it was of civilisation. He took a particular interest in brokering discussions between faith communities. I remember a meeting at Windsor Castle in the mid-1990s, where 15 or so religious leaders met with him to discuss religion and violence. He led this with great verve and authority. He knew, of course, that religious communities were respected within the poorest countries of the world and that care for the environment was impossible if the richer nations failed to address issues of poverty.

As he aged, his energetic commitment did not diminish. His passion, compassion and desire to make a difference continued. He has won the respect of us all. Every relationship is a leap of faith, and it was certainly so 74 years ago when a talented and handsome naval officer married into the Royal Family. This leap has been spectacularly successful, and in every way Prince Philip has enhanced this family at the heart of our nation. May he rest in peace.

Lord Flight: Prince Philip was one of the few great men of our times, who managed so successfully the adaption of our constitutional arrangements. I offer my personal thanks to him for his invaluable contribution to our country's development, especially the amazing international cover achieved for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. I am sad that Prince Philip has died, but I recognise the enormous size and cover of his contribution.

Lord Arbuthnot of Edrom: Those of us lucky enough to have spent time with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will remember his straightforwardness, his lack of pomposity, his willingness to engage and his glorious sense of fun. Since his death we have been able to see many photos of him, and the ones that in my view are most typical are those that show him roaring with laughter. That is how I shall remember him. He was a wonderful man, who is much missed but who has left for the rest of us so much.

Lord Framlingham: How blessed we have been to have such a man beside our Queen and part of the fabric of our nation's life for so many years. How grateful we should be for the life he dedicated to supporting so many people and organisations here, in the Commonwealth and throughout the world. How important it is that we cherish for ever the part he has played in the history of our country.

Baroness Redfern: I wish to add my sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on their very sad loss. There is no doubt that His Royal

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Highness The Prince Philip has made an immeasurable contribution to our monarchy, our nation and to the Commonwealth. I respectfully thank him for his service and give thanks for a life so well lived. He will be greatly missed.

Baroness Whitaker: In adding my condolences I would like to pay tribute to His Royal Highness's championship of design in his introduction of the longest running design award in the UK, the Prince Philip Designers Prize, in 1959. It was my privilege to accompany him on these occasions, when I was involved in the reconstitution of the Design Council to include the remains of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment. Prince Philip's active interest in the importance of design to solve problems was in advance of his time and of great value to society.

Baroness Masham of Ilton: I pay my sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen for the passing of her inspiring husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

My late husband, the Earl of Swinton, when he was the chairman of the education committee of the North Yorkshire County Council, for many years gave out the Duke of Edinburgh's Award silver and bronze certificates and medallions. Both of us were keen supporters of the scheme, which helped so many young people. On one occasion I attended a function at Cambridge which the Duke of Edinburgh was attending. Because there were no signs, I got lost. I arrived at the same time as the Duke of Edinburgh. I use a wheelchair and was struggling to get out of the car, and the Duke came over and helped me. This showed me that he had a humane and practical side, and I always remember this kindness. May he rest in peace.

Lord Blencathra: In the long history of this great nation, some people have come along and either through chance, fate or divine intervention have been instrumental in saving us in times of great peril or turbulent change. We can list Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Drake, Oliver Cromwell, Horatio Nelson, the first Duke of Wellington, Pitt the Younger for attempting parliamentary reform, and, in our lifetime, Sir Winston Churchill. The common feature is that they did their duty to this country no matter the cost to themselves.

There is no better example of one doing one's duty than His Majesty King George VI, who did not aspire to the throne but did his duty, leading us magnificently through the Second World War and shortening his own life in the process. Little could a nation know in 1936 that that fateful abdication would give us not just a great King who rose to the challenge of the war but our longest serving Queen and, at her side as her rock, the longest serving consort in British history, a Prince who has helped guide this nation through 73 years of unparalleled change.

However, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip will not be remembered merely for long service; he will be remembered for doing his duty and putting himself second to Her Majesty, thus assisting her to be our greatest sovereign of all time. We all know of the regiments of which he was Colonel-in-Chief, the 900-plus organisations he supported, the 22,000 engagements

he undertook single-handedly, and the extraordinary Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme as he worked untiringly for another 30 years past the time everyone else retires.

Thus I will remember him as a man who, above all else, did his duty, unfashionable though that may be at times, and a Prince who was unfailing in his devotion and love for our Queen. Her Majesty has my sincere condolences and, as one of her privy counsellors, my undying loyalty as she continues to do her duty however long and hard the road may be. May God bless our Queen now and for all time.

Lord Bilimoria: Some of my earliest memories are seeing photographs of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on their state visit to India, with my parents when my father was ADC to President Rajendra Prasad, in 1961.

Little did I know that I would be privileged to not only meet both of them, but to get to know His Royal Highness well over the past two decades. He was without exaggeration a genuinely unique and truly special individual. His range of interests were vast and he was unfailingly curious about everything. And of course, every single time we met, he made you laugh and made you smile with that twinkle in his eye and his witty, sharp sense of humour.

His achievements are enormous and perhaps his greatest initiative was the Duke of Edinburgh scheme which has changed the lives of 6.7 million young people around the world since it was founded, including my brother in India who has always been proud of his DofE Gold award. In fact, I remember writing a letter of nomination for His Royal Highness to be awarded the Nobel Prize, which would have been hugely well deserved. I was fortunate to have interacted with him in many arenas—The Royal Society of Arts, The University of Cambridge where he was a longstanding and outstanding Chancellor, The University of Birmingham where I am proud to be Chancellor, the Zoroastrian community—I could go on. In fact, it was at his visit to the Zoroastrian Centre in Harrow when we came out of the prayer room and we were putting on our shoes, while tying his laces he said to me, "Do you know I have worn these shoes since the day I was married?" It was that sentimentality and genuineness which was ever present—he has been the most extraordinary husband, consort, champion, supporter and a rock to Her Majesty. In fact, he has been the embodiment of true service leadership.

And of course we had a common bond in his love of beer! On the occasions I would be seated next to him for a meal, when asked what he would like to drink, he would immediately say, "I will have one of his". When he retired from his official duties a few years ago, I wrote to him; he very kindly wrote back and said, "May Cobra Beer always keep you healthy, wealthy and wise"!

He was a hugely loved and respected figure, not just nationally but throughout the world. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family. One thing that is for sure, is that the Duke of Edinburgh's legacy and inspiration will live on with all of us forever.

Sir, thank you very much for everything and every time I think of you, I know you will instantly bring a smile to my face.

Lord Rowe-Beddoe: I open with gratitude to our Lord Speaker for extending the tributes to include those in written form. It is an innovative step, which would have gained full approval, despite his dislike of fuss. What an extraordinary gentleman, whose very special life will be recognised by future generations for its empathy and wisdom.

My numerous encounters were largely Wales orientated, where I had the honour to meet with him on many occasions through my various interests and charities, many of which fortunately interested him also. He always displayed acute awareness and expressed relevant and penetrating comments, so often with an appropriate glint in his eye. At our first meeting, I wore my naval officers' tie. He said, "What on earth are those little dragons?" "Well, sir," I answered, "This is the officers' tie, Welsh Division, Royal Naval Reserve." "What, the ruddy Welsh navy?!" After that moment it became part of my dress whenever we met, and there was always the same reaction: "Ah, the Welsh navy is here. We're safe."

He was truly unique and we were so fortunate to have known him. We send to Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family our deepest sympathy and condolences in their enormous loss. May God give rest to his soul.

Lord Taylor of Warwick: I extend my prayers and condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the entire Royal Family at this sad time.

Prince Philip and the Queen were married for 73 years. What a powerful message that is for the institution of marriage. The Queen herself is the longest-serving monarch in Britain and the Duke of Edinburgh was the longest serving royal consort in British history. They are true examples of servant leadership.

As Christians around the world, we have recently celebrated Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter, so we pray for Prince Philip and his immortal soul. I am an Elder of one of the largest black Christian Churches in the world. It is established in over 100 nations and has more than 850 churches in Britain alone. The Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen developed a warm relationship with black churches in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth.

For 10 years I was vice-president of the British Board of Film Classification, so the Duke's commitment to the film industry as the first president of BAFTA—the British Academy of Film and Television Arts—was much valued by my colleagues and me at the BBFC. I had the privilege of meeting Prince Philip and Her Majesty the Queen on a number of occasions. One in particular springs to mind, a reception at Buckingham Palace in 1999. I was waiting in line with other world and Commonwealth leaders. I was dressed in a very conventional business suit and tie. My parents originally came from Jamaica. I am black and born in Britain. The Duke smiled and asked me, "What exotic part of the world are you from?" I replied "Birmingham." This

exchange was overheard by a journalist and has been circulated around the world ever since as one of Prince Philip's top infamous "gaffes". Yes, he could be quite blunt in his manner, but I believe he was simply trying to break the ice. Unfortunately, sometimes he fell through the ice. However, his remarks were well intentioned and we both saw the funny side of our conversation.

In 1996, I presented the Bill that enabled Britain's first DNA database. DNA goes to the very essence of each human being. The Duke was someone who essentially wanted to get things done, not just talk about them. As a result, his legacy includes his distinguished naval career, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and his commitment to the environment. Some of his other achievements have perhaps yet to be recognised. As William Wilberforce once said, "Iron is useful, though it does not sparkle like the diamond. Gold has not the fragrance of a flower. But all are various modes of excellence."

Prince Philip's death is both a personal loss for his family and for the nation, but I have every confidence that Her Majesty the Queen will continue to serve as our Sovereign with the same dignity and resolve that she has shown throughout her reign. Queen Elizabeth II is the epitome of royalty and loyalty.

Lord Bowness: Unlike many noble Lords who spoke in the debate on the Humble Address, I do not have personal memories of meetings and conversations with His Royal Highness. I am sure they will treasure them. However, like thousands of citizens I can speak of the excitement and warmth of feeling towards him among people when he attended one of his many engagements. This has been reflected in the sadness felt by people at the news of his death and the feeling that we as a people are poorer with his passing but nevertheless much better for all his work throughout his long life, for which we are grateful.

All these people, as do I, send our sincere condolences to Her Majesty and all the Royal Family.

Baroness Hooper: My Lords, may I add my name to all those who expressed their condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Royal Family in Monday's debate on the Motion for a Humble Address?

Like many others with personal recollections, I was fortunate to have the privilege and honour of being a trustee of St George's House, Windsor and saw at first hand the Duke of Edinburgh's ongoing vigilance and engagement in an institution which he founded and inspired. I am also aware of his long-standing role as royal patron of the Charles Darwin Foundation in the Galapagos Islands, an important part of his worldwide championship of wildlife and biodiversity to which so many have referred.

Prince Philip's death has made us realise how many and varied were his interests and commitments, in addition to his devoted support of Her Majesty as Prince Consort. He was a person of vision and energy who was prepared to grasp opportunities and make the best of any adversity, a truly shining example of public service. May he rest in peace.

Lord Broers: I first met His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in 1954 on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, as a member of the choir. I exchanged a few words with him and with Her Majesty the Queen. This was during their famously successful visit to Australia, where they reinforced so strongly the bond between the UK and Australia. Although I never expected to meet them again, I never forgot their charm and friendliness on that occasion. Thousands around the world will have had similar experiences showing how the Royal Family enhances the UK's reputation overseas.

To my good fortune, 35 years later I began to meet Prince Philip frequently in connection with my positions in Cambridge, first as Master of Churchill College, where he was the visitor, as head of the Department of Engineering, with which he had a special relationship, and finally as vice-chancellor for seven years during the latter half of his 35-year chancellorship of the university.

He typically came to the university two or three times a year, and we would arrange a full day of visits for him to meet academics and students followed by a formal dinner. As is well known, he was direct, knew what he was talking about, and was happy to be challenged. It is in the nature of academics to challenge, but he was well prepared for these visits and the breadth of his experience and knowledge invariably impressed everyone. He would stay with my wife and me in the vice-chancellor's lodge, and needless to say there was lots to talk about, even sailing, when we finally relaxed over a small whiskey before going to bed.

His advice and guidance were invaluable to the university, making his visits highlights that brought us pleasure and amusement. I recall when he memorably said about the main building on the new mathematics complex that it reminded him of the Dome in London, although he thought it would be more useful. We agreed.

A major subject that he and I had in common was our belief in the importance of engineering, and this became central to our interactions when I retired from Cambridge and became the president of the Royal Academy of Engineering. As has been mentioned by noble Lords Mair, Winston and Browne, Prince Philip had been a major driving influence in the formation of the academy, and its home on Carlton House Terrace is named Prince Philip House in recognition of his contributions.

His support for British engineers and engineering has been of huge importance to the nation. He fully understood the role that creative engineers played in setting the way we live and in driving industry forward. His exceptional intelligence meant that he understood the complexities of engineering systems and enjoyed interacting with engineers at a professional level. His quick mind and captivating sense of humour made him very good company and he will be greatly missed by us all. My wife and I send our deepest condolences to Her Majesty and the Royal Family.

Lord Greenway: We have heard much about His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh's service in the Royal Navy, but in paying tribute to his

life and work I would like to say a brief word about some of his other associations within the maritime sphere.

He had a keen and lasting interest in the preservation of historic ships and was involved among others with Brunel's Great Britain, the "Cutty Sark", HMS "Victory" and even the humble Robin, the last surviving dirty British coaster. One of his greatest connections was with Trinity House, being elected an Elder Brother back in June 1952 and becoming Master in 1964, a post he held with distinction for an unprecedented period until handing over to his daughter the Princess Royal in 2011.

During that time he oversaw huge changes brought about by new technology, which of course intrigued and delighted him. Lighthouse keepers were replaced by automation and buoys and light vessels switched to solar power whilst more extensive use was made of helicopters, allowing tender numbers to be reduced. After the Royal Yacht "Britannia" was decommissioned, he enjoyed being able to use the Trinity House vessel Patricia as a base for his sailing activities during Cowes Week.

I had the privilege of meeting him from time to time but mostly at Trinity House, where he could relax in the company of fellow seafarers. One of my abiding memories of him concerns a small incident a few years ago when I was walking to Parliament one sunny afternoon. The pavements were busy, but near Admiralty Arch we were prevented from crossing the road by the police. Some American visitors next to me queried what was going on, and without thinking I replied that perhaps the Queen was coming. A few moments later the limousine bearing the royal couple swept past, with Prince Philip looking out somewhat impassively at the crowds. Before the car disappeared he suddenly looked back and gave me a quick smile and a wave. He did not have to do it, but it was a small example of the essential humanity of a man whose achievements are legion and whose legacy will live on for many years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family in their great loss.

Lord Rana: His Royal Highness The Prince Phillip was very kind and caring; he was just an arm's-length away from common man and took interest talking to everybody.

In the 1980s, the plight of the commonwealth war veterans, many of whom were destitute and living in poverty, was brought to his notice. To help them he launched the commonwealth war veterans appeal to raise funds for them. In Northern Ireland we constituted a committee for raising funds for the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth war veterans appeal, of which I was the chairman. We had very good success in raising funds. The Duke went to other parts of the country to receive the funds raised, but he could not come to Belfast, so he invited all the fundraising committee members to Buckingham Palace for afternoon tea. It was for all of us, the committee members, a great treat. He spoke to all of us and took interest in each person and made us feel at home and left a lasting impression on all.

In 2003, I was absolutely surprised and delighted to receive an invite to join Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh for lunch. There were only eight guests. We had a wonderful time with them and spent over two hours together. We talked about various subjects. Prince Phillip had a keen interest in fighter aircrafts, technology, the environment, preserving wildlife, education. Indeed, he had mastery over many subjects. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh made us feel at home as if we had known each other for a long time. He was very kind and caring and took interest in each one of the invitees. It was indeed a most memorable occasion.

Again, in February 2018, the UK celebrated the year of culture, and India's long-standing relationship with Britain. The event was hosted at Buckingham Palace. I met with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh a couple of times and had a brief conversation during the evening. I have some very fond memories of my meetings with the Duke of Edinburgh and I liked his kind and caring approach. He left a memorable impression on whoever he met. He leaves many legacies, especially the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, with thousands of people across the globe. He will live in the hearts of countless people, whose lives were transformed because of him. He was indeed a great asset to this country and to millions across the world who benefited because of him.

Lord Popat: I was deeply moved by the tributes heard in both Houses this week to celebrate the life and legacy of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. I too would like to add to these tributes and start by extending my heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the entire royal family at this sorrowful time.

Prince Philip was an extraordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. He was the epitome of public service who devoted his entire life to Crown and country. Described by Her Majesty the Queen as her strength and stay, Prince Philip was the Queen's loyal and unwavering companion for over 73 years. It was no easy feat, and one that required him to walk several steps behind his wife. However, it was a role that he held proudly, and he became incalculable to the success and stability of the monarchy. In years to come, he became a strikingly modern figure who transformed the role of consort.

I have particularly fond memories of His Royal Highness from the time I served the royal household as a Lord in Waiting and Minister of the Crown. He demonstrated the essence of selfless service and lived by the motto that the things you do for others remain your greatest legacy. His life reflected the sweeping changes of the turbulent 20th century. During the last century he dedicated his entire life to the construction of a better Britain, urging the country to adopt scientific methods, embracing the ideas of industrial design, planning, education and training. He was ahead of his years and even warned of the impact on the environment before it became fashionable.

His most endearing passion was his commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, which he founded in 1956. The programme, operating in more

than 140 countries, especially across the Commonwealth, continues to encourage young people to volunteer for community service.

Prince Philip also had a strong business instinct and championed industry. It is often said that, had it not been for his royal background, in another life he would have made a fine and astute businessman. He possessed the right listening capability, always asking the right questions. Prince Philip was devoted to empowering people to be the best they can be, and he understood how to motivate people. He was never afraid to speak his mind and his motto was to get things done.

The passing of Britain's longest serving consort marks an end of an era and will no doubt leave a tremendous void for the Royal Family and indeed the nation. At this difficult time, I hope that we can remember that Prince Philip's memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part. God has him in His keeping and we have him in our hearts.

Prince Philip was one of a kind whose like we will regrettably never see again. He leaves behind a fantastic legacy and a proud nation. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Lord Lang of Monkton: Tried and tested from childhood and forged in war, Prince Philip's strength of character has driven and sustained him over a long and fulfilled life, a life lived not for self but committed to the success of others. His determination to serve, dedicated to Her Majesty the Queen, to his family and to the people of the nation that he adopted and which then adopted him has been a pledge honoured steadfastly over many decades, guided by his faith and often spiced with mischievous humour. Clear-eyed and of firm purpose right to the end, Prince Philip's life is a shining example of selfless service and duty done. His memory will endure.

John Bunyan's Evangelist said, "Do you see yonder shining light?" and Pilgrim said, "I think I do." "Then", said Evangelist, "Keep that light in your eye".

Lord Wallace of Tankerness: With simplicity and sincerity, I wish to pay tribute to the outstanding service which His Royal Highness The Prince Philip gave to our nation. His life of selfless public duty was exemplary. As someone born during Her Majesty's reign, the Duke of Edinburgh was someone who was always there. We shall greatly miss him. To the Queen and members of the Royal Family I offer my prayers and deepest condolences.

Lord Lebedev: The waves of mourning across the country and the world point to an undeniable fact: His Royal Highness was an extraordinary man who lived an extraordinary life. His trailblazing work in conservation and education were a source of inspiration to many, and in a personal sense I found inspiration in his background. That a foreign man born overseas can come to this country, integrate himself and leave such a terrific legacy is a vindication of both this country and the indomitable spirit of the late Duke.

Baroness Harris of Richmond: In paying my personal tribute to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, I recall presenting some Richmond residents to him. They had been invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and were very excited to be asked to form a little group to meet His Royal Highness. When he asked where we were from, I replied “Richmond, Sir”. “Ah yes”, he said, “That little town at the bottom of the hill out of Catterick.” “Richmond isn’t at the bottom of a hill, Sir”, I said, “It’s on top of a big hill.” “No it isn’t”, he said. “Yes it is.” I said, “I should know. I live there”. His Royal Highness chuckled and turned away from us saying, “Okay, you win.” It is a very happy, and funny, memory of an extraordinary man.

Baroness Sheehan: I wish to express my humble condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the passing away of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. It must be a comfort to know that his manner of passing was a peaceful one.

Tribute is due to His Royal Highness for the many and varied aspects of public service in which he partook with evident relish. In particular, his love and respect for the natural world and his early concern for pressure faced by the planet and climate change stand out. It was a prescient move to lend his heft to the founding of the World Wildlife Fund, which went on to become such an important environmental organisation. For that and the eponymous Duke of Edinburgh’s Award scheme he will always be remembered.

It is fitting to end with his own reflection: “We depend on being part of the web of life, we depend on every other living thing on this planet, just as much as they depend on us.”

Baroness Thomas of Winchester: This brief tribute comes with my sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the whole Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was in 1966 that the late Lord Attenborough, president of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, now Muscular Dystrophy UK, suggested to His Royal Highness that he might become royal patron of the charity, which he agreed to with enthusiasm. This is a disease which spans over 60 conditions, from the ultra-rare—like Pompe disease, which I myself have—to the not so rare. At that time, boys with the most severe form of the disease, Duchenne muscular disease, did not live beyond their early teenage years. But by the 1980s, boys were living into their 20s, and now some reach the 40s. This improvement in life expectancy has been brought about only because of pioneering research funded by donations to the charity, made possible by raised awareness of the condition. The enthusiastic backing by Prince Philip has been a vital part of raising that awareness.

In 2016, there was a joyful celebration of the Prince’s 50-year involvement with the charity at St. James’s Palace when he met, among other people, Sir Alex Ferguson and Dame Mary Peters, but he also went out of his way to greet a young man in a corridor with Duchenne who had not been able to get his wheelchair

in the lift to access the reception. Luckily this encounter has been captured in a photograph showing the Prince shaking hands with the young man and engaging him in conversation.

The death of His Royal Highness has left a huge void in the life of the nation.

Lord Browne of Belmont: I am honoured to be able to pay tribute to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and grateful for the opportunity to offer my deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and her family on their sad loss. Prince Philip was an unshakeable pillar of support for the Queen throughout her reign and a symbol of steadfast stability for our nation during a period of significant change and uncertainty. The tireless devotion to duty of both Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, which they demonstrated during countless meetings, events and royal tours, made a vital contribution to the achievement of a peaceful transition from the empire to a Commonwealth of independent nations and the post-war reconciliation between our nation and Germany.

As Lord Mayor of Belfast, I was privileged to greet the Queen and Prince Philip when they visited the city in December 2005 and attended the opening ceremony of a new building for the Belfast Central Mission, one of the city’s oldest charities which organises diverse and cross-community social care projects throughout Northern Ireland. His Royal Highness showed considerable interest in the charity’s work and made several very practical suggestions as to how their support and guidance programmes for disadvantaged young people might be expanded and improved.

At a time when a culture of self-absorption seems to be becoming prevalent in all parts of our society, it is essential that Prince Philip’s guiding principle of dutiful and selfless service should never be overlooked or forgotten. It is difficult to imagine the grief which Her Majesty must feel at the loss of a loyal partner of over 70 years. However, if she continues to remind both her family and the nation of the importance of the principle of selfless service which both Prince Philip and she upheld throughout their life together, perhaps her grief may be easier to bear.

Lord Soley: As a teenager I wrote to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh asking him to support the building of Jodrell Bank telescope and received a sympathetic and supportive reply. His commitment to youth and to science was a powerful example to me and he continued to give such support throughout his long life. He will be missed.

Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd: It is a privilege to be able to add to the tributes paid to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh in the House on Monday 12 April. His contribution to the life of this nation, to the maintenance of our constitutional democracy and to the other nations of the world cannot be underestimated. We will never forget our own great good fortune that in so many different capacities His Royal Highness spent his entire life in the service of our nation and of other nations.

On a personal note, I would like to record his great kindness to me and his outstanding ability to put everyone at their ease, whether at a small or large gathering. His ability in a short conversation to see at once through matters to the core of an issue was unequalled, and his guidance and leadership will be greatly missed in future years. I send my deepest condolences to Her Majesty and to her family at this time.

Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts: Duty, commitment and steadfastness are virtues that today are, sadly, not as admired as they once were. His Royal Highness set an example which we should all strive to live up to.

Lord Boswell of Aynho: I join countless others who have expressed sincere condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family in their recent bereavement.

I am one of a dwindling band of those who can claim to have watched the royal marriage in November 1947 live on television. I was aged nearly four, and the arrival of television in our house and the amazing

spectacle left a lasting impression, marking the beginning of release from the privations of war and the resumption of normal life. I felt particularly honoured later to have the opportunity of attending the service in Westminster Abbey in celebration of their diamond wedding anniversary.

My boarding preparatory school shared much of the rugged outdoor culture which Prince Philip experienced at Gordonstoun, and, unusually for a school in the English Midlands, a strong naval tradition. This was frankly not always very congenial to me, but I recognise now its role in filling out the person and in preparation for leadership in later life.

Among subjects I encountered in my career at Westminster as a Minister, and in which I retain an interest, he was exceptional both in his encouragement to young people from all walks of life and in his active promotion of the importance of engineering and science to our future, and of course to climate change.

Above all though, I will remember him as a constant supporter of Her Majesty, to whom I send my deepest sympathy and condolences.

