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Commemorating the 84th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej
on December 5, 2011.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2011

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted
the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 84th birthday of His Majesty King
Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011.

Whereas on June 9, 1946, His Majesty King Bhumibol
Adulyadej ascended to the throne and celebrated his 65th
year as King of Thailand earlier this year;

Whereas King Bhumibol is the world's longest-serving mon-
arch;

Whereas King Bhumibol has enjoyed a special relationship
with the United States, having been born in Cambridge,
Massachusetts in 1927, while his father was completing
his studies in the United States;

Whereas on March 20, 1833, the United States and Thailand
(then known as Siam) signed the Treaty of Amity and
Commerce, making the Kingdom of Thailand the first

treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas bilateral trade between Thailand and the United States grew by 38 percent between 2002 and 2010;

Whereas the United States and Thailand have remained strong security allies for 57 years, as memorialized in the Manila Pact in 1954, and later expanded under the Thanat-Rusk Communique of 1962;

Whereas President Bush designated Thailand as a major Non-NATO Ally on December 30, 2003;

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while in Bangkok on November 16, 2011, stated “Our nations are connected through not only security cooperation and business ties, but the democratic values we share and the bonds of family and friendship that link our people.”;

Whereas the Fulbright Program, which was established between Thailand and the United States in 1950, and other exchanges, provide graduate, undergraduate, and high school students from each country the opportunity to study in the other country;

Whereas collaboration between Thailand and the United States has resulted in significant public health achievements;

Whereas in response to the worst flooding in Thailand’s history—

(1) the United States Government—

(A) has provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief;

(B) is working to help improve Thailand’s capacity to prepare and respond to such disasters in the future; and

(C) has declared the United States will support Thailand’s long-term recovery; and

(2) United States citizens and the private sector have donated to reconstruction efforts; and

Whereas more than 150,000 people of Thai descent live in the United States.

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) sends warm wishes to the people of Thai-
3 land as they celebrate the 84th birthday of His Maj-
4 esty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5,
5 2011, and commemorate his 65-year reign as King
6 of Thailand;

7 (2) celebrates the alliance and friendship be-
8 tween Thailand and the United States that reflects
9 common interests, a 178-year diplomatic history,
10 and, most importantly, shared values, including de-
11 mocracy, good governance, and the rule of law; and

12 (3) expresses its deepest sympathies for the re-
13 cent historic floods in Thailand, and supports con-
14 tinuing efforts to provide civilian and military assist-
15 ance to save lives, restore health, and facilitate Thai-
16 land’s economic recovery.

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