



**TRIBUTE BY**

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**TO THE MEMORY OF HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH  
JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH,  
THE LATE AMIR OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT**

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This morning it is our sad duty to pay tribute to the memory of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the late Amir of the State of Kuwait, who passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2006.

As a distinguished leader of his country for almost three decades, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah skilfully and wisely managed the political, economic and social affairs of the State of Kuwait. His vision made it possible for Kuwait to assume prominent leadership positions not only in the Arab and Islamic world, but also internationally and within the United Nations.

The late Amir led Kuwait through a successful era of development and growth, taking many crucial steps towards his country's modernization and the enhancement of quality of life for its citizens.

During the time of crisis in the early 1990s, the late Amir's tireless efforts to restore Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity earned him deep admiration among the Kuwaiti people and the world community. He will be remembered for his wisdom and dedicated service to his country and the Kuwaiti people.

On this occasion, let us also recognize the tranquil transition of power in Kuwait and extend our best wishes to the successor of the late Amir, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, on the assumption of his high office.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I ask the representative of the State of Kuwait to convey our condolences to the Government and the people of Kuwait, and to the bereaved family of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

I invite representatives to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.