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As leader of the Official Opposition in this House of Commons, I deem it a privilege to join with the Right Honourable the Prime Minister in the sentiments which he has expressed on behalf of the Canadian people in appreciation of the truly great and noble life of the late King Albert I of Belgium; and of the loss which Belgium and the world has sustained in the late King's sudden and tragic death.

I join as well, on behalf of honourable members on this side of the House, in the sympathy which the Prime Minister has expressed with Her Majesty the Queen of Belgium, and the members of the Belgian Royal Family, in their personal bereavement, and with the people of Belgium in their national loss.

Character, and the circumstances of his time, combined to give to the late King, most of the attributes of the mythical hero of legendary days. It is in no way due to convention that in all parts of the world today, King Albert of Belgium's many virtues as a sovereign and as a man are being extolled. He, if ever Monarch was, will be remembered as a Knight of the Holy Grail, and as a man who found the joy

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