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United States Presidential Service Center joins the world in expressing our condolences at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Washington, D.C., September 9 --- The second Elizabethan age ended Thursday, as Britain's longest-reigning monarch passed away. Queen Elizabeth II was 96.

"There will never be another legacy such as the one she leaves for Great Britain and for the world," remarked United States Presidential Service Center Co-CEO Dr. Michael Rodriguez. "All of us at the USPSC join the leaders of the world in expressing our condolences to her family and to the British people."

Elizabeth became Queen after the passing of King George VI in 1952. Her coronation a year later was the first such event broadcast from historic Westminster Abbey. Winston Churchill was Prime Minister when she ascended to the throne. Liz Truss, born 28 years into Queen Elizabeth II's reign, was the last, having presented her credentials to the Queen just a few short days ago.

During her time leading the monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II met with 13 of 14 American Presidents during her 70+ years on the throne (President Lyndon Johnson was the only exception).

"Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was more than a monarch," President Joe Biden said in a joint statement with First Lady Jill Biden. It was released shortly after the queen's passing. "Her legacy will loom large in the pages of British History and in the story of our world."

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