## Press Releases: The Passing of His Excellency Virachai Plasai Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United States of America

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On behalf of the United States of America, I offer heartfelt condolences on the passing of His Excellency Ambassador Virachai Plasai to his family, friends, and the people of Thailand.

Ambassador Virachai is remembered by many as a stalwart friend of the United States, working tirelessly to further the U.S.-Thai relationship and advance the prosperity and security of both our nations. Ambassador Virachai previously served as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations in New York where he did much to exert Thai leadership globally. He was an avid musician, bringing the beauty of His Late Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej's musical compositions to many Americans.

Ambassador Virachai will be greatly missed. The United States will long remember his leadership and contributions to his country and the world.

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