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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S RETIREMENT

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert
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The announcement that Sir Winston Churchill will not recontest his House of Commons seat is perhaps not entirely unexpected by those who know him. But when the period of his membership of the House terminates, it will be the end of a remarkable parliamentary era.

Sir Winston has been essentially a great parliamentarian with a profound love of the House of Commons and many lively memories of the battles he has conducted in that forum. All round the world there will be hundreds of millions of people who will wish him a happy retirement, a retirement in which he can justly recall that we all feel under an immense debt to him for his courage and leadership.

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