

STATEMENT BY THE GSLP/LIBERAL OPPOSITION 101/2007
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The Opposition deeply regrets the death of Lord Merrivale who was a friend and a staunch defender of Gibraltar.

For nearly thirty years Lord Merrivale has raised the concerns of Gibraltar in the House of Lords, going back to the days of Franco's restrictions against us which culminated in the closure of the land frontier.

He was always ready to take a stand against any UK Government of the day over Gibraltar matters, whether that Government was Labour or Conservative.

The death of Lord Merrivale is a strong reminder that, as old friends of Gibraltar pass away, it is important to recruit new ones in both Houses of the UK Parliament.

The Opposition would like to express our most sincere condolences to Lord Merrivale's family.

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