

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2021

Statement on the Death of Former Senator John H. Isakson

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Jill and I and the entire Biden family are saddened to learn of the passing of Johnny Isakson, the distinguished former United States Representative and Senator from Georgia.

Senator Isakson was a colleague and a friend. We served together on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, traveled together, and found common ground built on mutual respect for each other and the institutions that govern our Nation.

Johnny was a proud Republican, but he put country before party, and valued building consensus over political combat. I always loved Johnny's description of the only division he saw as between "friends and future friends."

In Johnny's memory, let us heed the wisdom he offered upon retiring from the Senate, where he urged everyone to devote less energy to describing problems and more effort to working together to provide answers.

Johnny Isakson was a patriot and a gentleman. Georgia has lost an indispensable son. America has lost an exemplary leader. Our prayers are with Dianne and the entire Isakson family.

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