

# King Boris III Honored by the United States Congress



2408 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-0828  
(703) 225-3878

DISTRICT OFFICE:  
8428 WEST 26 STREET  
SUITE 600  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048-4183  
(213) 891-1040

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0520

HENRY A. WAXMAN  
29TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE:  
ENERGY AND COMMERCE  
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
PHILIP M. BOEHLER  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

### *KING BORIS III, SAVIOR OF BULGARIAN JEWRY*

*WHEREAS, on May 23 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California his excellency King Simeon II will receive for his deceased father, King Boris III of Bulgaria, the Legion of Honor Award of the Jewish National Fund, an Award indicating the commitment of the Jewish National Fund to plant a forest in Israel dedicated to the memory of King Boris, Queen Joanna, and Monseigneur Angelo Roncalli (later to be Pope John XXIII); and*

*WHEREAS, during the years of the Holocaust, to the eternal shame of the human race, most non-Jews were indifferent to the slaughter of European Jewry; and*

*WHEREAS, despite intense pressures from the Nazi juggernaut, Bulgarians, under the courageous leadership of King Boris III, defended and protected Bulgarian Jews and sought to spare them the destruction planned for them; and*

*WHEREAS, King Boris and Queen Joanna risked their lives and personal safety by directly and personally taking numerous steps to protect Jews from deportation and to secure for Jews safe transit to areas not occupied by the Nazis;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that worldwide Jewry and decent people of every background salute Bulgaria and the Bulgarian Royal Family for its heroic role in the salvation of the majority of Bulgaria's 48,000 Jews and do intend to eternally commemorate this sentiment in the establishment of the King Boris III Forest in the Land of Israel.*

*I, Congressman Henry A. Waxman of the 29th District, California, do issue this proclamation on the date of 12 May 1994.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

HENRY A. WAXMAN  
Member of Congress