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Title: Reference made to the passing away of Mr. Boris Nikolaevich Yeltsin, former President of the Russian Federation.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, we have learnt with sadness of the passing away of Mr. Boris Nikolaevich Yeltsin, former President of the Russian Federation.

He will be remembered as the first President of the Russian Federation who steered the country through difficult times of transition, and as the one who laid the foundation of a renewed partnership between India and the Russian Federation.

This House joins the leadership and the people of the Russian Federation in mourning the passing away of the former President Yeltsin and conveys deep condolences to his family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

**11.01 hrs**

*The Members then stood in silence for a short while.*

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