Howard: the epitome of British stoicism

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HE HOUSE OF COMMONS was packed to the rafters today for the state funeral of Sir Winston Churchill. But the atmosphere was as sombre as it was solemn, and the public mood was at odds with the joyous one that greeted the death of the Prime Minister of England.

Mr. Churchill, aged 91, had fought the British against the forces of Hitler and the Axis powers. But his greatest triumph was his ability to keep the British people together, to keep them fighting, and to keep them winning.

The skies were grey and the air was cold, but there was no sign of the last battle. The only sound was the steady beat of the drums, and the only thing that mattered was the memory of a great man.

The State Funeral

The state funeral was held on January 31, with the coffin draped in the Union Jack. The Queen and other members of the royal family were present, along with many other prominent politicians.

Sir Winston's body was carried from the church by a team of pallbearers, led by Prince Charles. The coffin was then placed in the open hearse, which took it to the church.

In his eulogy, the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. Anthony Eden, said: "Winston Churchill was a man of the people. He fought for the people, and he led them to victory.

"He was a man of courage, and he was a man of compassion. He was a man of vision, and he was a man of action.

"He was a man of integrity, and he was a man of fairness. He was a man of truth, and he was a man of justice.

"He was a man of wisdom, and he was a man of courage. He was a man of love, and he was a man of respect.

"He was a man of the people, and he was a man of the future."