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Nancy Anctil, Chief of Protocol, Parliament of Canada: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. As the ceremony is about to begin, I would like to remind you to put your communication devices on silent mode and to kindly refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony.

My name is Nancy Anctil, the Chief of Protocol for the Parliament of Canada, and I am pleased to welcome those of you here in the Senate Chamber and those watching remotely. I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

[Translation]

We are gathered in the place where the three component elements of Parliament — the Crown, the Senate and the House of Commons — come together occasionally.

We do so today to honour the service, contribution and lives of the parliamentarians who have left our ranks over the past year.

In a moment, we will welcome the members of the official party, composed of the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Senator Raymonde Gagné, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Greg Fergus.

[English]

We have the Acting President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Mr. Jack Harris; and the past president of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie. Representing the members of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, we welcome Mr. Matthew Dubé; Ms. Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of Parliaments.

[Translation]

We also have the Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr. Eric Janse.

[English]

We have the Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Greg Peters; and the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Patrick McDonell.

[Translation]

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the arrival of the official party and remain standing for our national anthem.

[The Ottawa Children's Choir sings *O Canada*]

[English]

Ms. Anctil: Please be seated.

[Translation]

Every year, the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians organizes this ceremony as an opportunity to remember, and thank from the bottom of our hearts, those men and women — former Canadian parliamentarians all — whom we have lost over the past year.

[English]

It is appropriate and timely to honour the parliamentarians who have left us in the past year, to remember their service and the mark they have left on us, on Parliament and on our country.

[Translation]

To begin, I would like to invite the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Raymonde Gagné, to welcome you.

Hon. Raymonde Gagné, Speaker of the Senate: Good morning.

Honourable Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons, honourable parliamentarians and distinguished guests, it is an honour to be here with you today to commemorate the lives and public service of the parliamentarians whom we have lost this past year.

[English]

On behalf of the Senate of Canada and all senators, I would like to start my remarks by offering my heartfelt condolences to family members and friends present today who lost loved ones this year. The individuals we honour today were your family, people with whom you built and shared your lives.

[Translation]

Saying goodbye is never easy.

I know that my condolences could never fill the tremendous void left by the loss of your loved ones, but I hope that today's ceremony will bring you some comfort as you grieve.

[English]

We parliamentarians could not do the work we do without a strong support system — that is to say, without our friends and family. A life in public service is demanding. Work schedules are full and unpredictable, public opinion is often merciless, and professional and personal sacrifices abound. All of you helped your loved ones share that load and I know that they were so grateful to you all.

[Translation]

Thank you to all the family and friends of the parliamentarians we honour today for the support you gave them over the years.

I have no doubt that your support is the reason they were able to work so tirelessly, giving their best in the service of Canadians.

[English]

Each of the parliamentarians we are honouring today uniquely contributed to building and protecting Canadian democracy, both during and after their time on Parliament Hill. Their commitment to democracy and their political legacies are an inspiration to those of us who continue their work.

Among the parliamentarians who have left us, I would like to honour the former Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Noël Kinsella, whose legacy of wisdom continues to guide the work of this chamber and guide my work in this chamber.

[Translation]

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and the Usher of the Black Rod for, once again, organizing this important event, as well as all those who helped.

I want the family and friends of the parliamentarians we honour today to know that your loved ones' achievements will not be forgotten. Their dedication, passion and commitment to democratic values have made our country and our Parliament richer, and their legacy will continue to guide us for a long time to come.

My sincere thanks. *Meegwetch.*

Ms. Ancil: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I will now ask the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Greg Fergus, to take the floor.

Hon. Greg Fergus, Speaker of the House of Commons: Honorable Raymonde Gagné, Speaker of the Senate, ministers, honourable senators and members of Parliament, former parliamentarians and distinguished guests, it is my turn to extend my deepest condolences to the loved ones of the former parliamentarians whom we've lost this past year.

On behalf of all members of Parliament and the entire administration of the House of Commons, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences.

[English]

As you all know only too well, the work of a parliamentarian is a lifetime endeavour. The call to serve is not easily silenced and, year after year, we see our former colleagues — including those we are honouring today — continue to work with their communities and act as ambassadors for democracy. We thank them for their tireless commitment, and we thank you — their friends and family members — for having shared your loved ones with us for so many years.

[Senator Gagné]

[Translation]

As the Speaker of the Senate rightly said, the family members of parliamentarians make numerous sacrifices for the good of Canada.

Over the years, you stood by your loved ones, despite the absences and the strain on family life.

In addition to personal sacrifice, we know that parliamentarians' contribution is not always highlighted. Nor is it always recognized by the public.

Allow me to thank you and the members of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians for your devotion to your loved ones.

[English]

Through your work, and through the work of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, you advocate for our democratic institutions and promote a better understanding among Canadians of how Parliament works. You are also there to support parliamentarians who eventually make the transition, either voluntarily or not, to a new role as unelected citizens.

If you will permit me a moment of levity, my former boss once said that he retired for health reasons — his constituents got sick and tired of him.

[Translation]

Through your support, you have contributed directly to strengthening our democracy. Thank you for your work.

The world of politics can be harsh, and debates are not always easy. We all experience strong emotions.

That is why, once the storm has passed and the dust has settled, it is so important to remember that we are here because we believe in our country. We believe in our democracy.

[English]

Those we have lost this year embodied this passion in their work both on and off Parliament Hill. As members of Parliament, as senators, as ministers or as prime ministers, these extraordinary individuals have left their mark on our nation. Taken together, their careers spanned decades. They were at the heart of some of Canada's most significant legislative debates.

Let me mention my predecessor, the Honourable John Fraser, the Thirty-second Speaker of the House of Commons, whose decisions created the basic interpretation of our modern rules and redefined what is appropriate practice in our chamber today. I just assisted at his celebration of life Friday last.

They saw Canada change to become the country it is today. Yet, if they were here, I am sure they would tell us about the many ways in which, at its core, our beloved Canada remains the same.

[Translation]

Canada is built on a set of undeniable values that each and every one of us holds dear.

It is a great honour to be here today for this final farewell.

[English]

We are all part of one large family of parliamentarians. We work together, travel together, laugh together and, in many cases, develop lasting lifetime friendships. So it is today that we mourn and remember together. While we are deeply sorry to have lost fellow parliamentarians, we are forever grateful for their service.

Thank you, *meegwetch*.

[Translation]

Ms. Ancil: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

I would like to invite to the podium the immediate past president of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie, accompanied by the director of the association, Mr. Matthew Dubé.

Dorothy Dobbie, Past President, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: Every person who puts their name forward to represent the people of Canada through their local constituency does so with a sense of profound conviction. It's what the old guys used to call the "fire in the belly," that burning, yearning need to serve. Each is driven by a feeling of mission that sweeps aside all other considerations. No, you don't get rich serving in Parliament, despite what the media implies. Yes, you do give up all private life and often private opportunities and businesses to serve. And you give up your family to a very large extent. Spouses and children know what I mean. Indeed, you often suffer the slings and arrows of politics more deeply than do the members who are so focused that much of the criticism, founded or unfounded, is sloughed off as a new crisis emerges. Despite this, you carry on together because the mission is greater than the individual.

All those who we remember today gave their unstinting effort to this country and to keeping our democracy alive and healthy. We honour them, we thank them, and we thank you for sharing their burden.

[Translation]

Matthew Dubé, Director, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: When Hélène Alarie began studying agronomy at Université Laval in 1958, she was the only woman among her 200 classmates. She was born in 1941, in La Pocatière, Quebec, and the green farmland along the shore of the St. Lawrence River may have been why she chose to become an agronomist. She was Quebec's first woman agronomist.

Known for her zest for life, cool head and positive attitude, the Bloc Québécois member represented Louis-Hébert from 1997 to 2000 and championed legislation to make the labelling of genetically modified organisms mandatory. After retiring, Hélène took up the cause of the Scottish separatist movement, seeing parallels with Quebec.

As the Liberal member for Laval East from 2000 to 2004, Carole-Marie Allard often looked up at the Parliamentary Press Gallery with a smile. Born in northern Quebec in 1949, she lived a life full of unique experiences, including having the honour of responding to the Speech from the Throne on January 30, 2001. During her maiden speech, she had this to say: "It is a real joy for

me, especially since, for a number of years, in the mid 1980s, I sat way up in the press gallery following the proceedings of the House."

That is one of the many memories that the author, journalist and lawyer cherished during her very full life.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Born into a working-class family in Plymouth, England on March 10, 1947, Christopher (Chris) S. Axworthy was committed to social justice. A kind and thoughtful man, he firmly believed that, as a society, we should leave no one behind. First elected to Parliament in November 1988, Chris represented the former riding of Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing for the New Democratic Party. During the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Parliaments, he held several senior positions, including NDP Deputy House Leader. In 1997, he was elected, representing the newly created riding of Saskatoon—Rosetown—Biggar. His reputation for being accessible to his constituents as a member of Parliament followed him into provincial politics in Saskatchewan.

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: The members of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada who reviewed the accomplishments of the Honourable Monique Bégin must have been just as impressed as all those who knew the well-respected teacher, academic, former senior minister and pioneer in advancing women's rights in Canada.

Born in Rome, Italy, on March 1, 1936, to a Canadian father and a Belgian-Flemish mother, Monique grew up in Montreal. Elected in 1972, she represented the riding of Saint-Michel until September 1984, ably exercising her power during her time in the House of Commons. As Minister of Health and Welfare, she introduced the Canada Health Act and the Canada Child Tax Credit, which paved the way for the Canada Child Benefit.

A journalist and political assistant, Raynald Blais was first elected to Parliament in 2004 to represent the riding of Gaspésie—Îles-de-la-Madeleine as a member of the Bloc Québécois.

A man of fairness, he spent nearly seven years in Parliament, working hard to make sure that his constituents, seniors in particular, were treated fairly and received the benefits they deserved. He was committed to improving service at VIA Rail and restoring the reputation of Wilbert Coffin, a man accused of killing three American hunters in 1953. Coffin was convicted and executed in 1956 on the basis of circumstantial evidence. In 2007, the House of Commons unanimously adopted Raynald's motion calling for a review of Coffin's execution.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: "I'll melt the ice like a warm chinook, with social justice and a great left hook," the Honourable John Edward (Ed) Broadbent rapped in a 2004 campaign ad that perfectly reflecting his sense of humour and desire to connect with Canadians. The ad profiles the former NDP leader's belief in democratic socialism, a belief he devoted his life to.

In Parliament from 1968 to 1989 and from 2004 to 2006, Ed guided the NDP through four elections and dramatically raised its profile.

Born in 1936 in Oshawa, Ontario, his accomplishments include being President of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development from 1988 to 1996, and he was known as a fierce champion for ordinary Canadians. He contributed significantly to advancing human rights, justice and democratic values at home and internationally.

From her childhood on Galiano Island to her election to Prince Rupert city council, serving as a federal cabinet minister in the 1970s and finally becoming British Columbia's first female lieutenant governor, the Honourable Iona Campagnolo blazed across Canada's political landscape. Elected in 1974 in the B.C. riding of Skeena, where she once worked in a cannery with immigrants from around the world, she deeply respected people of every ethnicity and background.

Attracted by her intelligence, charisma and outspoken nature, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau promoted her to Minister of State (Fitness and Sport) in 1976. Vision, determination and getting things done were hallmarks of Iona's remarkable life.

The Honourable Patricia (Pat) Dora Carney wielded power effectively, something she learned early in her career as a journalist in Canada's oil and gas industry. Born in Shanghai, China, where her father was a police officer, she was raised with an international world view, greatly benefiting her later as a member of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's cabinet.

Elected as a Progressive Conservative in Vancouver Centre in 1980, during her eight years in Parliament, she was "minister of just about everything," in her many roles, including 18 years as a senator. She pushed through gender barriers, and she was the first woman in Canada appointed to a senior economic cabinet portfolio.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Dubé: An outstanding salesman, Yves Caron was a people person known for his ability to build bridges, which was an instrumental part of his political career. He was appreciated and respected for being down-to-earth in both politics and everyday life. His colleagues in the Liberal Party always knew that Yves was standing up for regular folks in his riding. Born in Saint-Georges, Quebec, in 1937, Yves was elected to represent the riding of Beauce in the 1972 general election at the age of 35. Re-elected in 1974, he served his constituents until his defeat in 1979. After leaving the House of Commons, Yves was appointed to the Canadian Pension Commission for two consecutive terms.

Gerald Comeau was a lover of Acadian culture and heritage in the Nova Scotia community of Meteghan Station, where he was born in 1946. He was elected to represent the riding of South West Nova as a member of the Progressive Conservative Party in 1984. A former accountant and educator, he ably represented his constituents until his defeat in 1988. He was appointed to the Senate in 1990, and for 28 years, Senator Comeau served with distinction on numerous committees, including the Fisheries and Oceans Committee and the Official Languages Committee. He was extremely honoured to be bestowed with the title of Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade, in France in 2002, and to be appointed to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada in 2013.

Nicole Demers's family was jubilant the evening of June 28, 2004, when she won her seat in the House of Commons, representing Laval as a Bloc Québécois member. They all knew that this new MP, a determined, hard-working woman and

staunch social justice advocate, would represent her constituents with a strong and effective voice, which she did brilliantly. A former restaurant owner and health services administrator, she had various roles and sat on a number of important committees during her seven years in the House of Commons, until her defeat in the May 2, 2011 federal election.

Born in Paris, France, on January 11, 1930, Michel Dupuy came from a family with an appreciation for culture and an aesthetic sensibility. His father, Pierre Dupuy was a Canadian diplomat and the Commissioner General of Expo 67. Michel was elected to represent Laval West in the October 1993 election and sat in the House of Commons until June 1997. As Minister of Communications and Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship in Jean Chrétien's government, he oversaw the two departments coming together to form the new Department of Canadian Heritage. He also served as Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations from 1980 to 1981 and Ambassador to France from 1981 to 1985.

[*English*]

Ms. Dobbie: Born in Fort McPherson, Northwest Territories, in 1935, Wally Firth, the Northwest Territories' first Indigenous MP, loved being out on the land. So did his grandfather, John Firth, a Scotsman from the Orkney Islands, and Dinji Cho, "a famous Shandalar Indian from the Arctic Village," as the NDP member told Parliament in 1973. Both were peacemakers who did very valuable work for the good of Canada.

He said:

As a Member of Parliament representing the Northwest Territories and representing the native peoples . . . I will try to do my best.

The popular Métis native rights worker, pilot, broadcaster and fiddler leaves a legacy his forebears would be proud of.

When the Honourable Jean Beatrice Forest and her husband, J. H. "Rocky" Forest, loaded up their car and moved to Alberta from Manitoba in 1947, neither had any idea of what lay ahead. With her unshakeable faith, Jean knew everything would work out — and it did. She became a respected educator, entrepreneur and public figure in her community.

In 1978, she became the Chancellor of the University of Alberta and, in 1987, an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Summoned to the Senate in 1996 by Prime Minister Chrétien, Jean remained in the Red Chamber until her resignation in 1998 because of concerns for her husband's health.

Growing up in a rich and abundant fruit-growing area near Lake Huron, it's unsurprising that Sidney Arthur Fraleigh became a farmer. Born in Forest, Ontario, on February 5, 1931, he was first elected on May 22, 1979, representing Lambton—Middlesex, in Ontario, for the Progressive Conservative Party. He lost his seat in the 1980 election but regained it in 1984. He was a strong voice for farmers during a time of falling commodity prices and extremely high interest rates.

"The young farmers of today are facing a financial crisis," he said in his maiden speech to Parliament, and ". . . my concern is for them."

[Ms. Dobbie]

The Honourable John Allen Fraser loved to laugh, and when he laughed, he laughed with his whole body. Born in Yokohama, Japan, in 1931, the future lawyer and Progressive Conservative MP for Vancouver South, who would hold two cabinet positions under two different prime ministers and become Canada's first Speaker of the House of Commons elected by secret ballot, was only four when his family moved to Vancouver. What good fortune for Canada! Working in a lumber mill in B.C.'s interior when he was young gave the future parliamentarian a love for nature that would rank second only to his love for and devotion to family.

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: Ever the optimist, Réjean Genest always took delight in a sunny day, which isn't surprising for a gardener at heart and former Environment Canada meteorologist. It's no wonder NDP Leader Jack Layton wanted the popular author, gardener and horticulturalist to run in the Quebec riding of Shefford in the 2011 election. And run he did, defeating Bloc MP Robert Vincent by nearly 16,000 votes. He was one of 59 NDP members to win a Quebec seat in that election, in what was known as the orange wave.

He stepped away from political life in 2015 to focus on his garden and spend time with his family.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Energy, enthusiasm and optimism were a few of the hallmarks of John Ferguson Godfrey's life, and there were many. Elected as a Liberal in 1993, the accomplished and well-respected economist, historian, research administrator and journalist served the constituents of Don Valley West until 2008. Kind and thoughtful, his priorities included building stronger communities, respecting the environment and providing newcomers to Canada with opportunities. During his time in Parliament, he was parliamentary secretary three times and later the Minister of State for Infrastructure and Communities. For his many contributions to the country he loved, in 2019, he became a Member of the Order of Canada.

Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1939, the Honourable Noël Augustus Kinsella was a man of integrity, intellect and moral uprightness. His belief in equality, dignity and respect for the individual never wavered. From 1990 to 2014, the respected academic represented his home province in the Red Chamber. He also helped guide Canada's support and approval of various United Nations human rights agreements. As Speaker from 2006 to 2014, he advocated for measures to promote institutional change, public awareness and education. "Racism," he said in the Senate in 1990, is "... an ugly and dangerous form of behaviour which has no place in Canadian society."

"Lead with your heart," Conservative MP Daryl Kramp told his colleagues when they asked him for advice. Born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, in 1947, the well-respected and popular MP for the riding of Prince Edward-Hastings from 2004 to 2015 was guided by his values and cared deeply for people. His was "A life of greatness lived with purpose, leaving behind a legacy of love and inspiration. An extraordinary man who embodied wisdom, kindness, integrity and devotion to family, community and nation," Daryl's daughter, Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Member of Parliament for Hastings—Lennox and Addington, says. The community he loved and so effectively represented agrees.

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: The Honourable Marc Lalonde spent his 4,327 days of service to the House of Commons playing a central role in the life of the country he loved, particularly when it came to social programs. Born on July 26, 1929, in L'Île-Perrot, near Montreal, Marc was elected to the House of Commons on October 30, 1972 to represent the Quebec riding of Outremont as a member of the Liberal Party of Canada and served until September 3, 1980. As a well-respected senior minister, he released a document entitled *A New Perspective on the Health of Canadians*, known as the Lalonde report, which reshaped public policy on health care and remains an international reference for health promotion.

Born on February 17, 1946, in Lévis, Quebec, Ghislain Lebel was elected to the House of Commons on October 25, 1993 to represent Chambly as a member of the Bloc Québécois. A man of principle, Ghislain was known and respected for his deep love of Quebec and impassioned views on issues affecting his province. So passionate was he that he often challenged the Bloc if he felt that his party's support for Quebec wasn't strong enough. Full of personality, Ghislain was quick to win people over. His impact on Quebec politics will long be felt thanks to his commitment, sensibilities and hard work, which inspired others to get involved in politics.

Marcel Lessard was born in Alma, Quebec, in 1926. At the age of 35, the affable foreman and Social Credit Party candidate was elected by the voters of Lac-Saint-Jean to represent them in June 1962. In his prescient maiden speech, Marcel beseeched John Diefenbaker's newly elected government to give public servants the right to organize and make demands regarding their working conditions, pay and promotions. During that same speech, he recommended that bilingual public servants be given a bonus for the higher level of service they provided to their fellow citizens. In June 1968, he was elected as a Liberal to represent the Lac-Saint-Jean riding and was appointed Minister of Regional Economic Expansion in 1975.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Former broadcaster, Liberal MP, and Mayor of Thunder Bay, Mr. John Gerald (Jack) Masters didn't hang up his hockey skates until he was 88. He loved hockey almost as much as he loved Thunder Bay. Well known and respected throughout the Lakehead, Jack was born John Gerald Mastrangelo in 1931 in Fort William, Ontario. Elected in the 1980 general election in Thunder Bay—Nipigon, he served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State (Mines) and the Minister of Communications in Prime Minister Trudeau's government. In 1985, he became the Mayor of Thunder Bay and served for two terms, contributing significantly to its beautification.

The Right Honourable Martin Brian Mulroney was warm and genuine, a generous human being who had vision and courage. He often said near the end of his tenure that it was more important to do what was right than to do what was expedient. He had sincere empathy for his fellows, and he was the first one to reach out to members, friends and even the opposition if something went wrong in their lives. He would call with that deep, warm voice of his and say, "I understand. It will pass. It will be alright."

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: He was a giant on the world stage, at the forefront of efforts to end apartheid, tackle acid rain, liberalize trade, modernize the tax system, negotiate an accord to bring English- and French-speaking Canada together, create Tree Canada, settle outstanding Indigenous claims, and the list goes on and on. Brian Mulroney was a good man and a great prime minister.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Born into a prominent Vancouver family on September 8, 1948, the Honourable Stephen Douglas Owen grew up believing in the maxim “To whom much is given, much is expected.” He also believed that life is fleeting. At seven, his father, Milton, died in a plane crash, leaving his mother, Marion, to raise three children. Stephen’s cousin, Philip Owen, Vancouver mayor from 1993 to 2002, played a significant role in the life of the well-respected professor, lawyer and MP. Between 2002 and 2006, Stephen held six senior positions in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth Parliaments, including Minister of Public Works and Government Services and Minister of Western Economic Diversification.

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: Roger Pomerleau was born in Montreal, in 1947. A carpenter by trade, he was a straight shooter and a man of character. With his big smile and quick wit, the Bloc Québécois member was one of those down-to-earth politicians people were glad to know.

He represented the riding of Anjou—Rivière-des-Prairies from 1993 to 1997, and the riding of Drummond from 2008 to 2011. Roger was inspired to enter politics after listening to writer, journalist and Quebec sovereigntist Pierre Bourgault speak. This is how Roger described it:

I listened to him speak. His eloquent words hit me like a ton of bricks. He cited arguments and historical facts that were well-documented, including Lord Durham’s report. I woke up the next day and I was a separatist.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Elected in 1984 to represent the riding of York East, now known as Don Valley East, Toronto-born lawyer the Honourable Alan Redway served in Prime Minister Mulroney’s Progressive Conservative government. After his re-election in 1988, the socially aware former mayor of East York became Minister of State for Housing, where he drew upon his many years of municipal government experience, including as a member of the Metropolitan Toronto Council and Executive Committee.

His political journey ended in 1993 in the general election when he lost his Don Valley East seat to Liberal David Collenette. In 2014, he published *Governing Toronto: Bringing back the city that worked*.

[Translation]

Mr. Dubé: Born in 1928, in Saint-Prospère, Quebec, Fabien Roy grew up respecting the values of the cooperative movement. After studying business management at Université Laval and working in a variety of cooperative organizations, he entered Quebec politics in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1979, as Leader of the Social Credit Party, he led the populist party in the May 22 federal

election. His platform included doing away with the federal government’s right to disavow provincial laws and giving every province the right to determine its own future. The Socreds won just six seats, all in Quebec, including that of Mr. Roy, who represented the riding of Beauce.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: The celebrations went on far into the night at the Carpenters’ Union Hall in Port Hope, Ontario, on Monday, October 19, 2015. That’s the night the voters of the newly created riding of Northumberland—Peterborough South elected Liberal candidate Kim Elizabeth Rudd to Parliament. For the well-respected businesswoman known for her kindness, dedication and pragmatism, it was one of the biggest nights of her life.

Visionary and dynamic, Kim soon became Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources. Adding her voice to the House of Commons and serving the country and the community she loved were among the inspiring parliamentary’s greatest honours.

Elected in 1993 in British Columbia’s Okanagan Centre riding, teacher, school principal and superintendent of schools Werner George Schmidt was a founding member of the Reform Party of Canada. Born near Lethbridge, Alberta, in 1932, he was known as a man of faith and family who embodied the values of integrity and honesty. “He kept his word,” friends said.

From 1993 to 2006, through various political transformations, he served the Reform Party, the Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance Party and the Conservative Party. Advocating for democratic reforms, including an elected Senate, Werner led by example, inspiring others to participate and make their voices heard.

Called to the Senate on August 2, 2005, political strategist, author and commentator the Honourable Hugh Segal would remember that day for the rest of his life, as he would the day in 1962 when Prime Minister John Diefenbaker visited the United Talmud Torah Academy in Montreal, inspiring his love of politics.

Hugh played many significant roles in government, provincially in Ontario, and federally, including as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who called him “a particularly great man . . . as fine a Canadian citizen as you’ll ever find.” Hugh’s quick wit and likeable personality made him popular with Canadians during his many media appearances.

Called to the Senate in September 2022, respected public servant Honourable Ian Shugart believed Canada was at a pivotal moment and that finding common ground and overcoming political differences were essential. Before his appointment, Ian held senior roles in government, including as the twenty-fourth Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to Cabinet, through which he gained a unique perspective. Ian saw Canada as having two choices: succumb to polarization or recommit to solutions-based governance. His June 2023 maiden Senate speech discussed “the idea of restraint — an idea, a discipline, that has proven essential in our constitutional and institutional development.”

Diane Rose Stratas entered the House of Commons on May 22, 1979, representing Scarborough Centre, Ontario, for the Progressive Conservative Party. Born on December 28, 1932, in Saskatoon, Diane brought her common touch with her to politics. She believed in people and their ability to do great things. “We have the capacity, when necessity demands it, to change from ordinary folk, to rise to a challenge and overcome adversity,” she wrote in her maiden speech.

Diane served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for Canada during her tenure. She was defeated in the February 18, 1980, general election.

As long as there are people of good intentions who are willing to give their all for Canada, our democracy will be safe. Opponents in the House, they were colleagues and friends in life, knowing and understanding that every voice matters and every opinion counts.

We will remember them.

Ms. Anctil: Thank you, Ms. Dobbie and Mr. Dubé.

[Translation]

We will now listen to the Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces perform “Highland Cathedral.”

[English]

Pipe Major Timothy Reid and the Serenade of Strings will now perform *Highland Cathedral*.

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid and the Central Band’s Serenade of Strings perform *Highland Cathedral*.]

[Translation]

Ms. Anctil: I would now like to invite Mr. Ben Mulroney, son of the late former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, to the podium.

[English]

He and Ms. Frances Abele, partner of the late former member of Parliament the Honourable Ed Broadbent, will come to the podium for the readings.

[Translation]

Ben Mulroney, son of the late former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney: In a way, Canada already existed, thousands of years ago, when native parents taught their children respect for nature and the importance of righteousness and courage. Canada already existed, too, when a handful of Frenchmen decided to brave remoteness and an inhospitable wilderness to settle here, then when Britons and, later, people from all walks of life pooled their aspirations for freedom, justice and progress. And Canada will continue to exist as long as men and women of different languages, religions, cultures and races reach out to each other and, with pride and respect for what distinguishes them, seek to develop what unites them. This country is as old as its rivers, and as young as the latest addition to an immigrant family that arrived this week at Pearson International Airport.

[English]

Frances Abele: The Honourable Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party from 1975 to 1989, said in Ottawa in November 2009:

We know it’s desirable and possible to create a Canada with more involvement by our citizens, a Canada where we see our neighbours, not as competitors but as friends, a Canada that is healthier and happier in every respect. Our task is to demonstrate in every conceivable way, that with more equality this Canada is possible.

Ms. Anctil: Thank you. I would now like to invite Ms. Verna McGregor, an elder from the Algonquin community of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, to offer an honour song.

Elder Verna McGregor: [Indigenous language spoken] Hello, everyone. I am going to sing an honour song for you today to honour [Indigenous language spoken] — the ones that led like the Canada geese that I saw this this morning; the person at the front who faces the headwinds and faces, with great honour, issues that are sometimes very difficult. I see this as my lodge, as well. We sing a song to honour and thank them for the work they have done, and to wish them well in spirit as well as to give condolences to the families and to honour them.

I say *meegwetch*. I have a little tobacco here. The other one, too, is, as we would say “fly high with the eagles. That’s why we have the eagle feather, too — because in our understanding, you earned your feathers by looking after the collective of everyone. So I say *meegwetch*.

You could also join in with me if you like. It’s in the second part. It is a chant. In the beginning, I will start. I have my rattle.

[Elder Verna McGregor sings Indigenous honour song]

Ms. McGregor: *Meegwetch*, everybody. I honour you today. Thank you.

Ms. Anctil: Thank you, *meegwetch*, elder McGregor.

[Translation]

The Ottawa Children’s Choir will now perform “*Ode’min Giizis* (Strawberry Moon).”

[The Ottawa Children’s Choir performs “*Ode’min Giizis* (Strawberry Moon)”]

[English]

Ms. Anctil: Thank you for that beautiful performance.

Mr. Jack Harris, Acting President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, will lead us in the reading of the honour roll call. It will be followed by a minute of silence, *The Lament* and the wreath laying.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Jack Harris will now proceed with the honour roll call, reading the names of those whose memory we honour today.

[*English*]

Jack Harris, Acting President, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: Would the family members and representatives of the deceased members being remembered today please rise as the name of the deceased is read, and remain standing until after *The Lament* is played and the wreath is presented by our Speakers?

[*Translation*]

Ms. H  l  ne Alarie
 Ms. Carole-Marie Allard
 Mr. Christopher S. Axworthy
 The Honourable Monique B  gin
 Mr. Raynald Blais
 The Honourable John Edward (Ed) Broadbent
 The Honourable Iona Campagnolo
 The Honourable Patricia (Pat) Dora Carney
 Mr. Yves Caron
 The Honourable Gerald J. Comeau
 Ms. Nicole Demers
 The Honourable Michel Dupuy
 Mr. Walter (Wally) Firth
 The Honourable Jean Beatrice Forest
 Mr. Sidney Arthur Fraleigh
 The Honourable John Allen Fraser
 Mr. R  jean Genest
 The Honourable John Ferguson Godfrey
 The Honourable No  l Augustus Kinsella
 Mr. Daryl Kramp
 The Honourable Marc Lalonde
 Mr. Ghislain Lebel
 The Honourable Marcel Lessard
 Mr. John Gerald (Jack) Masters
 The Right Honourable Martin Brian Mulroney

The Honourable Stephen Owen

Mr. Roger Pomerleau

The Honourable Alan Redway

Mr. Fabien Roy

Ms. Kim Elizabeth Rudd

Mr. Werner Schmidt

The Honourable Hugh Segal

The Honourable Ian Shugart

Ms. Diane Rose Stratas

[*English*]

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the minute of silence followed by *The Lament* and the laying of the wreath by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons.

[Minute of silence]

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid performs *The Lament*]

[Laying of the wreath]

Ms. Anctil: Please be seated.

We are truly honoured to have so many family members with us to pay tribute to their loved ones. In you, we see the same sense of dedication, purpose, service and pride in what we as a people and as a country have built together and will continue to build.

[*Translation*]

I would like to reintroduce the Ottawa Children’s Choir, who will perform “Hymn to Freedom.”

[The Ottawa Children’s Choir performs “Hymn to Freedom”]

As the ceremony draws to its close, I would like to thank you for your participation. A reception will follow in the Senators’ Lounge.

I would ask that the family members remain in the Senate Chamber for the photo session before joining the reception.

Please rise for the Royal Anthem.

[*English*]

And please remain standing for the departure of the official party. Thank you.

[Ottawa Children’s Choir performs *God Save the King*]

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid performs recessional music]

[End of ceremony]

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