



THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message

Happy Canada Day! Bonne fête du Canada! 즐거운 캐나다 데이 보내세요!

Today we celebrate the great nation that we are proud to call home. On this day and always, let us count our blessings to be living in Canada, a country that exemplifies the best of diversity and democracy. And let us be grateful to all those who served and sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace and democracy in past wars and conflicts. June was a busy month with late night sittings for both Houses of Parliament, to ensure that important legislation was carefully debated and examined. Our Conservative Caucus continued to represent the needs and concerns of hard-working Canadians and to hold the government to account. June was also filled with important anniversaries and commemorations in Ottawa and across Canada: Deafblind Awareness Month, Filipino Heritage Month, the 72nd anniversary of the breakout of the Korean war, the 78th anniversary of D-Day, and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As summer is upon us, we look forward to festivals, community celebrations and other important events, including Korean War Veterans Day (on July 27) and National Liberation Day of Korea (August 15). These two important anniversaries remind us of the deep rooted history and friendship between Canada and Korea, forged in sweat, blood and tears. As always my office and I are ready to serve you to the best of our abilities. Best wishes for a safe and memorable summer.

~Senator Yonah Martin

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Over 72 years ago Canadians came to the aid of Korea, to protect her people and lay the foundation on which Canada-Korea relations and friendship have been built. 26,716 young Canadians answered the call of duty and 516 paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War. Across Canada and in Korea commemorations were held to mark the 72nd anniversary of the breakout of the Korean War and the 69th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Senator Martin laid a wreath on behalf of the Senate and as Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of

Canada at the National War Memorial in Ottawa and at the Ambassador for Peace Memorial in Burnaby BC. Looking ahead, July 27th will be Korean War Veterans Day and commemorative ceremonies will be held in various locations across Canada, as enacted by Sen. Martin's Senate Public Bill (S-213 Korean War Veterans Day Act), to honour the outstanding service and sacrifices made during the Korean War. Today and always, we will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux. 우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.

On the Hill

June was a productive month on Parliament Hill. As Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition in the Senate, Senator Martin worked diligently with her Conservative Caucus to review and debate all legislation and motions on the Order Paper as well as asking important questions during Question Period. Debate on Bill C-19 (Budget Implementation Act) concluded in the final week of the sitting, to address concerns of deficit spending but also provide support to Canadians facing ongoing challenges and struggles in various sectors as they continue to deal with Canada's post-COVID economic recovery. As Co-Chair of The Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, Senator Martin tabled the committee's interim report "Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Disorder as the Sole Underlying Condition: An Interim Report" in the Senate. The committee will resume in the fall to continue its study and review. On June 14th, Senator Martin along with MPs and Senators of the Canada Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group joined members of the Korean Canadian community, KWCC and KVA Unit 7 for a special evening at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to celebrate Canada Korea relations. She also welcomed a delegation of Korean legislators led by former Speaker of the National Assembly and held a bilateral meeting joined by MP Tako Van Popta and MP Greg McLean. On June 16th Senator Martin and Senator Marwah co-hosted the Deafblind Awareness Month reception which celebrates the achievements of Canada's deaf-blind individuals while also increasing our understanding of the unique barriers they face from being treated as equal members of society.

In the Community

Senator Martin had the opportunity to participate in several community events during the month of June. From marching in the Pitt Meadows Parade with MP Marc Dalton, meeting with stakeholders and advocates to discussing the plans for Korean War Veterans Day ceremonies across Canada. On June 10th, Senator Martin hosted a special virtual Canada Bulgaria Milestone event with Her Excellency Svetlana Stoycheva-Estropolski, members of the Canada Bulgaria Parliamentary Friendship Group and members of the national Bulgarian Canadian community. On Canada Day, Senator Martin is delivering remarks on behalf of the Senate of Canada at both the Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Canada Day celebrations. Over the course of the summer months, she looks forward to attending various events and meeting with organizations and constituents in BC and elsewhere.



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