



THE HONOURABLE YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message

Sincere Greetings! Salutations sincères! 진심을 담아 인사드립니다!

September began on an emotional note as Canada and the world mourned the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and resumed Parliament to begin the Fall sitting. September ended with the 2nd National Day for Truth and Reconciliation — a day recognizing the tragic and painful history and ongoing impact of residential schools, the missing children and the survivors of these institutions, as well as their families and their communities. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is one step on the long road to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. September also marked Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving), where Koreans around the world gathered with family and loved ones to share stories, traditional games and delicious food. Our office also launched the 11th year of our Parliamentary Internship Program (the second virtual program) and would like to thank our regional Korean Canadian communities for their on-going partnership and

support. October begins with National Seniors Day (October 1st), a day to honour and pay our respects to our elders and the wisdom they have bestowed upon us. We also remember the sacrifices made by our veterans of the Korean War as we continue to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Korean War years and mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Hill 355 for The Royal Canadian Regiment (October 23 to 24, 1952). In a series of lightning attacks, the RCR stood strong and re-captured Hill 355. As we look ahead, Canadians will be gathering with family and loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to remember what we are grateful for and to count our blessings. On behalf of my family and staff, we wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Thanksgiving.

~Senator Yonah Martin

In Ottawa



September began with the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and a national ceremony in Ottawa. And Parliament resumed with important legislation before both Houses of Parliament. Senator Martin continued in her role as Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition in the Senate and Co-Chair of the Canada Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group and the Canada Bulgaria Interparliamentary Friendship Group. Senator Martin's committee work includes Co-Chairing the Joint Standing Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying and serving as a member of Steering Committee and Senate

Standing Committee on Indigenous Peoples Committee. Senator Martin also travelled with the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights for the study of Islamophobia in Canada. The Conservative Party of Canada, elected our new Leader, Pierre Pollièvre at a leadership convention. His Majesty's Loyal Opposition stands ready to serve Canadians and hold the government to account. In the last week of September, Senator Martin had the honour of co-hosting along with Senator Bev Busson, MP Elizabeth May, MP Arnold Viesen and MP Judy Sgro, Ratanak International on the Hill. For over 33 years, Ratanak International has been dedicated to bringing awareness to the horrific issue of human trafficking in Cambodia and has helped so many individuals and families restore the freedoms they were robbed of. Finally, Senator Martin launched the 11th year of her Parliamentary Internship Program with the 2nd virtual class of students from across Canada.



Presidential Visit



On September 23rd, Senator Martin attended a special wreath laying ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa to officially welcome His Excellency Suk Yeol Yoon, President of the Republic of South Korea. Also in attendance were Mrs. Keon Hee Kim, First Lady of South Korea; Minister Jin Park, Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Korea; The Honourable Mona Fortier, President of the Treasury Board; Jae-kyung Park, Chargé d'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Canada; and Colonel Dongwon Lee, Defense Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Korea. President Yoon met with veterans of the Korean War at the National War Memorial. This symbolic and historic moment was a true testament to the deep love, respect and gratitude that Korea and her people have for the brave Canadians who fought in the Korean War. President Yoon laid a large blue and red wreath, resembling a Korean flag, on behalf of Korea. October 3rd will mark Gaecheonjeol, Korea's National Foundation Day, a day to celebrate the legendary formation of the first Korean state of Gojoseon in 2333 BC. Happy Gaecheonjeol!

In the Community

Senator Martin celebrated Chuseok (Korean Thanksgiving) with family and friends and with Koreans across Canada and around the world. September was a busy month filled with meetings, events, managing ongoing files and serving constituents. Senator Martin met with important organizations like the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Deafblind Ontario Services. Senator Martin also attended a farewell reception for Consul General of Vancouver Hae Young Song whose time in Vancouver was brief but his impact building relationships and spearheading new innovative projects and ideas were significant. Senator Martin especially enjoyed her visit to the C3 Society's Camp Korea open house. Camp Korea was founded in 2005 by Senator Martin and others who wanted their children to be able to "experience Korea in Canada". Towards the end of the month, Senator Martin celebrated Bulgarian Culture and Literature with the BC community. September was a memorable month.



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