

**Speaking Notes**  
**Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians – Memorial Service**  
**Speaker Noël A. Kinsella**  
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Good Morning fellow and former Parliamentarians, distinguished guests, friends and family:

We gather here today to welcome and honour those Parliamentarians we have lost. The Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians promotes democracy not only in Canada, but all over the world. Its' dedicated members have remained engaged in service to the public long after their official tenures on Parliament Hill end. We congregate today to celebrate their contributions and commitment.

It is fitting that today, while remembering those who have left us, we also recognize a living former parliamentarian for his or her distinguished service. It has often been said that, "Remembering the past gives power to the present".

Canada serves as a great symbol of democracy. We empower our former Parliamentarians to strengthen the institutions of democracy by paying homage to former Parliamentarians who no longer remain with us, but also to individuals who demonstrate outstanding service. We thank you for the sacrifices you have made for your country and in the furtherance of democracy across the globe.

Please welcome the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Peter Milliken.