

**NOTES FOR REMARKS TO BE GIVEN BY
SPEAKER KINSELLA AT A CEREMONY HONOURING
SENATOR PRUD'HOMME AND MR. LESLIE FORREST**

Your Excellency Prime Minister Zubkov,
Speaker Milliken,
Ambassador Mamedov,
Honourable parliamentarians,
Distinguished guests:

It is a great honour for me to introduce His Excellency Viktor Zubkov, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation. Your Excellency's visit to Canada so soon after becoming Prime Minister is testament to the level of mutual respect between our two countries.

At the same time, your visit gives me the distinct pleasure to repay the warm hospitality I received when I led a parliamentary delegation to Russia earlier this month.

Prime Minister Zubkov, the cordial relations between Russia and Canada are the result of the efforts of countless individuals. Today you are paying tribute to two such individuals: the Honourable Marcel Prud'homme, Senator and Dean of the Canadian Parliament, and Mr. Leslie Forrest, a British veteran who now lives in Toronto.

By honouring their contributions to the establishment and continued friendship between our two countries, you are also commemorating the efforts of the many others who have worked to bring Russia and Canada closer together.

It is with distinct privilege and honour that I have this opportunity to invite Prime Minister Zubkov to come to the podium to make these presentations.