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Dear Mr. Ouellette,

First of all, let me begin by wishing you much success with the Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project. These Veterans are deserving of such recognition as they played an integral role during WWI and WWII. They sacrificed so much, so that future generations could live in freedom.

I had the honour of introducing and overseeing the passing of Bill C-411, An Act to establish Merchant Navy Veterans Day, during the last session of Parliament. I, along with many Merchant Navy Veterans, had the pleasure of celebrating the first ever Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Day, September 3, 2003. It was a moment that I will remember and cherish forever as a Parliamentarian.

I support your Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project initiative and wish you much success with this endeavour. Merchant Navy Veterans are certainly deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,

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