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**Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project**

Dear Mr. Ouellette:

Thank you for providing me a copy of the outline for the Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project. In June 2003, I had the pleasure to inform you that Bill C-411, *An Act to establish Merchant Navy Veterans Day*, which I had sponsored in the Senate, passed third reading stage in the Senate and was to become the law of the land. As a result of this bill, September 3<sup>rd</sup> of each year will now be recognized as Merchant Navy Veterans Day throughout Canada.

This is a wonderful achievement; however, I also realize that the recognition of this date is only the first step in ensuring that Canadians continue to remember the efforts of those who participated in the Merchant Navy during the Second World War. I therefore want to take this opportunity to pledge my support to your ongoing initiatives, and wish you the best of luck in achieving the ambitious goals you have set for this project.

To that end, if there is any assistance that I can provide that you feel will facilitate your success in these endeavors, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Best wishes.

Yours truly,

Joseph A. Day,  
Senator  
Vice-chair of the Senate Sub-committee on Veterans Affairs

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