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Dear Colleagues,

2014 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second World War. Our Merchant Navy answered the call in both conflicts, and served our country selflessly and well.

For too long, Merchant Navy veterans were not given the recognition they so greatly deserved. I was so pleased to be able to help bring about some recognition for the Merchant Navy by co-sponsoring with former MP Paul Bonwick in 2003 a bill that established September 3<sup>rd</sup> each year as Merchant Navy Veterans Day.

The role that the Merchant Navy played in Canada's conflicts cannot be understated. By the end of World War II, over 25,000 voyages were made by Merchant Navy ships. Merchant seamen risked their lives for us, and many made the ultimate sacrifice.

I would encourage all political colleagues from all levels of government to send a letter of support to our Merchant Navy Veterans. I know they will very much appreciate your effort.

Best wishes,

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