

*Routine Proceedings***THE LATE RIGHT HON. PAUL MARTIN**

**Mr. Paul Martin (LaSalle—Émard):** Mr. Speaker, this is the first sitting of this House since all here paid tribute to my father. I would like to express my gratitude.

[*Translation*]

My father loved this House so much. He had so much respect for all those who serve and served in this great institution. On behalf of my mother and our family, I want to thank each and every one of you in this big parliamentary family for the moving message of sympathy you extended to us in this trying period.

[*English*]

There is a small room off the kitchen in my parents' house with a TV set that is permanently frozen on the House of Commons channel. It was there over the last five years that my father used to sit and pass judgment on the debates in this House.

On September 14 my dad was not in that room, but my mother was. On her behalf, indeed on behalf of our whole family, I would like to thank all of the members of this House for their words, for their understanding, and for their compassion.

I said my father was not in that room, but that does not mean he did not hear what was said. I am sure he did. I am also sure that looking down from his new vantage point that had you asked him, Mr. Speaker, he would have given you his full consent to extending the debate.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, very briefly, the right hon. Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs had the occasion on behalf of the government and members of Parliament to extend our deepest sympathies to the Martin family on the occasion of the loss of one of Canada's most distinguished sons.

Paul Martin was indeed a great Liberal. He was a great member of Parliament, an outstanding minister of the Crown, and a most impressive representative of Canada abroad. I came to know him through his son—something the son may or may not acknowledge today—years ago

and found in the Martin family one of Canada's finest in every way.

I had the privilege as Prime Minister of Canada to recommend to the Governor General and Her Majesty the Queen the elevation of Paul Martin to the position and to the title of Right Honourable on July 1 past. I had many conversations with Paul Martin Sr. in advance of this important event. I can just say, on behalf of all parliamentarians that no one, certainly in recent Canadian history, deserves this honour more. No one loved this House more and no one contributed more to Canada and her unity than the Right Hon. Paul Martin from, as he would say, Windsor, Ontario.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I also would like to thank the member for his remarks. I have a special memory of Mr. Martin Sr. When I was 15 years old, Mr. Martin was the member of Parliament for the area where I lived and I came to the House of Commons for the first time at that time. I came to the House of Commons for only the second time when I was elected as a member of Parliament. I have many warm memories of his warmth, of his friendship and of his interest in young people.

I want to say that all of the greetings from this party to the Right Hon. Paul Martin were indeed sincerely felt. He was a great man and a great Canadian.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[*English*]

**INDIAN AFFAIRS****GWICH'IN COMPREHENSIVE LAND CLAIM AGREEMENT**

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 32(2), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, copies of the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement.

The appropriate legislation to enforce this agreement will be introduced in the very near future.