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#### WELCOME TO THE SENATE

**Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):**

Honourable senators, I wish to welcome at the beginning of the Second Session of the Thirty-ninth Parliament a new senator from my home province of Alberta. Senator Brown resides in Kathryn, Alberta, just northeast of Calgary. Prior to this he lived nearby in Balzac, which, for those who do not know, is a hamlet along the Calgary-Edmonton corridor with rolling plains and a clear view of the majestic Rocky Mountains.

Senator Brown was a farmer and is now a zoning and property development consultant in Calgary. In 2005, Senator Brown received the Alberta Centennial Medal in recognition of his significant contributions to the province. I am proud to say that four Alberta senators share this great honour.

It should be noted that Senator Brown is not the only accomplished member of the Brown clan. Senator Brown's wife Alice also has a long history of public service and civic engagement. In 1998, in recognition of her contribution to the quality of life of women in Canada, Ms. Brown received the Governor General's Award in commemoration of the *Persons* case.

There can be no doubt, honourable senators, that Senator Brown is a committed and persistent democrat. Rather than sitting on the sidelines or opting out, Senator Brown has worked within the existing Canadian political system in order to bring about the changes and reforms he believed in. Though I sit across from him today, divided by party and some differences of opinion, I recognize in Senator Brown a man who has the interests of his province at heart. Senator Brown, on behalf of your fellow senators from Alberta, as well as the members of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the Senate, I again welcome and congratulate you on your appointment to the Senate of Canada.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear!

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