

REMARKS by
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to

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS A MOMENT OF INTENSE PRIDE AND GREAT
EXCITEMENT FOR ALL OF US WHO ARE PRIVILEGED TO
REPRESENT OUR FELLOW CITIZENS OF WINDSOR, ONTARIO,
CANADA.....FOR THE RAISING OF
THE CANADIAN ENSIGN ON THIS GOOD VESSEL, AND HER
DEDICATION AS PART OF OUR NATION'S SUBMARINE FLEET.
LIKE THE BRITISH CITY WHICH SHARES ITS ROYAL NAME
WITH OUR COMMUNITY.....WINDSOR, CANADA IS NOT A SEA
PORT. BUT AS ALWAYS, WE DO HAVE IN COMMON:
DEDICATION, PURPOSE AND LOYALTY.

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE CITIZENS OF OUR TWO
NATIONS HAVE COME TOGETHER TO FACE CHALLENGE,
DEFEND FREEDOM, AND ENRICH ONE ANOTHER THROUGH
CULTURE AND TRADITION.

THE PATRIOTIC HERITAGE OF WINDSOR, CANADA, EXTENDS
FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF EUROPEAN DISCOVERY TO THE
COMPLICATED NEW CENTURY WHICH NOW UNFOLDS.

SO OFTEN, CANADA'S WINDSOR HAS SENT OUR SONS AND
DAUGHTERS TO OPPOSE TYRANNY AND ADVANCE
THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND PEACE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GOOD
WORK.

OUR LONG NAVAL TRADITION HAS SEEN US THROUGH THE
CHALLENGES OF BECOMING A NATION, TO OUR RECOGNITION
AS BEING AMONG THE TRUSTED GUARDIANS
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

THE VESSEL WHICH WE COMMISSION TODAY AS "HMCS
WINDSOR" WILL ENHANCE THE PROUD RECORD OF OUR CITY
AND OUR NATION.....

FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE PROTECTION OF OUR
SOVEREIGNTY, AND COMMITMENT
TO JUSTICE AMONG NATIONS.

AND WE MAKE A PROMISE FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC:

"HMCS WINDSOR" WILL BE A MOST WELCOME AND, WE
TRUST, FAMILIAR VISITOR TO THE RIVERFRONT OF
HER HONOURED NEW PORT IN CANADA.

THE CITIZENS OF OUR CITY LOOK FORWARD TO GREETING
OUR NAMESAKE VESSEL OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY; AND
WE PROMISE CAPTAIN VIRGIN AND HIS CREW THE WARMEST
OF RECEPTIONS AND THE SINCEREST OF HOSPITALITY.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR ADMIRER FELLOW
CITIZEN MRS. ANNE WINTERBOTTOM, WHOSE LONG AND
VALUED INVOLVEMENT IN THE WELL BEING OF OUR CITY
CONTINUES IN HER NEW ROLE AS SPONSOR OF THIS
VESSEL, WHICH WILL CARRY WITH PRIDE,
THE NAME "WINDSOR" THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TODAY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REPRESENT OUR CITY
COUNCIL AND ALL THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY AS WE
DEDICATE THIS GOOD VESSEL TO NEW DUTIES, UNDER A
NEW NAME AND ENSIGN.....TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES AND
ASPIRE TO NEW ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE TRADITIONS OF
CANADA AND WINDSOR AND PEACE IN THE WORLD .
BLESSINGS UPON ALL WHO SAIL IN "HMCS WINDSOR" !