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Commissioner of Nunavut  
And Honourary Patron to the Air Cadet League of Canada

Speaking notes  
Diamond Jubilee celebration  
With Cadet of 795 Iqaluit Squadron

Tuesday, 07 February 2012, 19:00 hr  
Iqaluit Cadet Hall

Good evening Staff and cadets of 795 Squadron, Legion Members, Honourable guests, family and friends,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I join you this evening. As Commissioner of Nunavut, and Honourary Patron to the Air Cadet League of Canada, I commend each and every one of you on your accomplishments and dedication. Being enlisted in the cadets shows how much one cares for others, the community, Nunavut and Canada.

Today is an exceptional and appropriate occasion to be able to celebrate your achievements along with the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. That is why I gave each of you cadets a commemorative pin. Wear it with pride!

Throughout 2012, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated around the world, particularly in the 54 Commonwealth countries which make up almost a quarter of the population of the world. This year actually marks the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. She became Queen at the age of 25 on Feb 6, 1952 following the death of her father King George VI.

In today's constitutional monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and Canada's Head of State. She is the personal embodiment of the Crown in Canada.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee, special initiatives will be planned throughout 2012 to honour The Queen's reign, her service and her dedication to this country, and serve as an example to us all. This occasion is a time for Nunavummiut, and indeed all Canadians, to celebrate the contributions of our head of state and to reflect on our territory and nation's growth during her reign.

Throughout the Diamond Jubilee year, those Canadians who, like Her Majesty, have dedicated their life to the service of others will be honoured with a Diamond Jubilee Medal for their contributions. These recipients will be the people who make a difference in your community and continue to make Canada one of the best countries in the world to live in.

This Diamond Jubilee anniversary provides an ideal occasion for Canadians to reflect on our constitutional monarchy, the role of the Crown in Canada, our system of government, and to learn more about why Canada leads the world in human rights, democratic freedom and peace.

It is a year to celebrate being Canadian.



Speaking of celebration, I take this opportunity tonight to acknowledge and congratulate two very special citizens. Other than working full time, they have been involved with the Cadets for a long time and have provided exceptional service as appointed Aide de Camps for the Commissioners of Nunavut.

This part of their civil duties is not always known or recognized but our Office truly appreciates it. Their presence at ceremonial and Legislative events, assisting me as the Commissioner of Nunavut, reinforces the role invested in me as a symbol of the territory, and the respect I have for the Queen as our head of state.

This is the first time that this Commendation from the Chancellery of Honours is being presented in Nunavut.

I am proud to invite Captain John Graham and Captain Adam Chubbs to receive their Vice Regal Commendation.

Please join me in congratulating them.

Quana very much!