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Celebrating 20 years of Freedom, 20 years of Democracy

Republic of Armenia enters its 3rd decade

OTTAWA, ON (21 September, 2011) – Today Harold Albrecht, Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Conestoga and chair of the Canada-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group, offered congratulations to the Armenian people and all Canadians of Armenian descent as the Republic of Armenia celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

“When visiting Armenia, I was fascinated both by how far they have come in twenty short years of freedom, and how young their democratic traditions are,” Albrecht said today in the House of Commons. “Even the largest cities like Yerevan are a model of peace, cleanliness and safety.”

The Republic of Armenia was established on this date in 1991. The Armenian people were emerging from decades of Soviet occupation, and had suffered a genocide prior to that during World War I.

“Mr. Speaker, all Members of this House are here as the result of a peaceful democratic process, governed by the rule of law,” Albrecht noted. “Too often, we take this for granted. Today, I invite all honourable Members to join me in congratulating our Armenian-Canadian friends, and our colleagues serving in the *Azkayan Joghov*, on twenty years of independence, twenty years of democracy, and twenty years of progress.

“Shenorhavor!! Shenorhagalem.”

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