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Dear friends,

It is my great honour to have the privilege to address the Tamil community of Canada during this year's celebration of Tamil Heritage Month. I regret that I am unable to attend, but please accept my deepest regards.

Each January, Canada recognizes and celebrates the Tamil community's remarkable accomplishments and achievements.

The Tamil community of Canada has a long and deeply rooted history in our nation. We are home to one of the largest Tamil diasporas and they have made tremendous contributions to our shared nation, whether in business, health, science, and numerous other fields.

In particular, I would like to applaud the community's great engagement in the political process of Canada. I have been a witness many times to the pride and passion of the Tamil community throughout my time in government.

Thank you KAILASA Canada and SHRIKAILASA Uniting Nations for Feminine Empowerment and Gender Equality for hosting this amazing event on Tamil Women Excellence to showcase Tamil women of great strength and spirit. These women continue to break barriers for themselves and Tamil women everywhere.

I am humbled and honoured to extend my congratulations to all the Tamil women receiving awards today. You are an inspiration to myself and our fellow Canadians to strive to achieve our dreams.

While these trying times during a global pandemic weigh heavy on our hearts, it is profoundly encouraging to see the Tamil community rise and celebrate.

And on this memorable occasion I would like to thank The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism (SPH) Jagatguru Mahasannidhanam (JGM) His Divine Holiness (HDH) Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam for guiding KAILASA Canada to continue their work on gender equality and empowerment, while preserving their heritage.

Thank you,

Honourable Pierrette Ringuette Senator for New Brunswick

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