



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Statement by M.P. Colin Carrie in the House of Commons in Honour of Black History Month

For immediate release.

OTTAWA, February 3, 2009– Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, rose in the House of Commons today and made the following statement in honour of Black History Month:

“Mr Speaker,

I rise today to honour Black History month, and to celebrate the rich cultural legacy black Canadians have contributed to Canada. Black Canadians of African, Caribbean, or Latin American descent have distinguished themselves and shaped the Canada that we celebrate today.

Whether it was Mathieu De Costa, who served as an interpreter to the Governor of Nova Scotia in the 1600s, Or William Hall, who in 1857 was Canada’s first black Victoria Cross recipient, or John Ware, a legendary rancher in the west who brought the first cattle to southern Alberta, laying the foundation for the Alberta beef industry,

And finally, the contributions of Lincoln Alexander who was Canada’s first black Member of Parliament, and the first black vice-regal in Canada when he served as Ontario’s 24th lieutenant governor.

This is truly a time to reflect upon the historic and recent contributions of Black Canadians, and I encourage all members and all Canadians to take part in the many events planned throughout the month such as Oshawa’s Club Carib Black History Month Variety Concert this Saturday.”

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