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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2009 Consumers' Choice Award ceremony in Toronto.

Tonight's event offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate business excellence in the Greater Toronto Area. This prestigious award is all the more meaningful because the winners are chosen by consumers: those who are best placed to assess the quality and value of the products and services they use. I would like to join with you in congratulating this evening's award recipients for their business achievements and their commitment to their customers.

*I would like also to congratulate Toronto's "Man and Woman of the Year," **Mr. Mark Dailey** and **Ms. Wendy Mesley**, as well as the city's "Businessman and Businesswoman of the Year," **Mr. Walter Hachborn** and **Ms. Amanda Ploughman**: you may take great pride in your unique contributions to the economic, social and cultural life of your city.*

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and for continued success.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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