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MP Stephanie Kusie Reveals Identity of *Ordre de la Pléiade* Recipient

Calgary, April 18, 2019 – MP Stephanie Kusie is pleased to announce the name of one of the new members of the *Ordre de la Pléiade, Ordre de la Francophonie et du dialogue des cultures*. This decoration will be awarded on April 23, 2019 in Calgary.

The following recipient will be presented with the *Ordre de la Pléiade* medal at this event:

Mr. Ben Van De Walle —Chevalier

Established in 1967, the *Ordre de la Pléiade* is an *Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie* (APF) initiative that honours achievement in La Francophonie and cultural dialogue. It recognizes individuals who have helped promote the French language. The five ranks of the *Ordre de la Pléiade* are as follows: Chevalier, Officier, Commandeur, Grand Officier and Grand Croix.

“I am very proud to award this decoration to Mr. Van De Walle.” The Canadian Branch of the APF and I believe that the *Ordre de la Pléiade* is a terrific way of celebrating Canada’s Francophonie and the accomplishments of the people who have contributed to it,” said Kusie.

The APF consists of parliamentarians from 87 parliaments or interparliamentary organizations from five continents. Its mandate is to foster and advocate for the international recognition of the French language, cultural diversity, democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

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