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Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending today's virtual dedication ceremony of West Vancouver Secondary's track in honour of the great Harry Jerome.



Harry Jerome's legacy goes beyond his many accomplishments as a Canadian Olympian; it stretches from coast to coast to coast. His incredible story is one of determination, resilience, and success. He has inspired countless individuals by his passion for what he believed in. We can all learn from his lasting message of hope and inclusivity.

Today, as we honour one of British Columbia's finest role models let us also take the opportunity to reflect on Black History Month and the remarkable legacy of Black Canadians, both past and present, and the many contributions they have made to our country. Black Canadians have helped shape our history and collective identity, and proudly stood as leaders in communities across the country. Despite the significant contributions of Black Canadians, systemic anti-Black racism still exists in Canada. That is why our government has been taking concrete action to support the empowerment of Black communities across the country by investing in capacity building, addressing the root causes of inequalities, and building an inclusive economy. We know that more still needs to be done and we are committed to this work in order to build a society that works for everyone

It continues to be a challenging time for hosting and planning events, and I would like to thank the dedicated organizers for making today's event possible.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for a memorable ceremony.

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