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Greetings from the Prime Minister

I am pleased to join with the Terminal City Club in honouring the efforts of Firefighters Without Borders Canada (FWBC). With selfless determination, these fire professionals are working to save lives and improve public safety in developing countries.

This evening, we have an opportunity to salute these distinguished men and women for their philanthropy. By donating much needed equipment and professional expertise, FWBC is taking the skill and compassion that define Canadian firefighters abroad. Initial projects in El Salvador have spawned efforts throughout Central America, South America and Asia.

I commend Jeff Moore, the Honourary Consul General of El Salvador for his special role in launching this charitable initiative. Along with firefighters Brian Hutchinson, Shane MacKichan, John Nicholson, Randy Dubbert and Barry Brennan, he established Firefighters Without Borders – British Columbia. Soon after the organization was re-branded to ‘Canada’ and its work has expanded ever since. Along the way, FWBC has expanded not only fire prevention knowledge and essentials, but the international fraternity of firefighting and safety professionals.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my commendations and best wishes for an enjoyable evening. I commend the spirit of fellowship and charity that underlies this noble effort.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*