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As Canada's Best Overall MP

Ottawa, ON – Conservative Member of Parliament Hon. **Jason T. Kenney, PC**, is the 2009 recipient of the Maclean's Magazine/Dominion Institute/L'actualité Annual Parliamentarians of the Year Award as Canada's *Best Overall MP*.

The coveted peer recognition is one of seven categories freely voted on by individual Members of Parliament (MPs) from all Parties who sit in the Canadian Federal House of Commons. The results were determined based on responses from 214 MPs who participated in this year's survey, out of a total of 308 MPs who sit in Canada's Parliament.

These results are determined by a survey conducted by Ipsos Reid and include a scientific data weighting formula, which ensures that no Party or group can unfairly skew the results. A full explanation of the methodology is below.

In addition to the Best Overall MP selection, the annual Parliamentarians of the Year Awards include categories for the Hardest Working MP, Best Orator, Most Collegial MP, Most Knowledgeable MP, Best Constituency Representative and Best Rookie MP.

The winners of these categories for 2009 are*:

<i>Hardest Working MP</i>	Paul Szabo (LIB)
<i>Best Orator</i>	Bob Rae (LIB)
<i>Most Collegial MP</i>	Peter Stoffer (NDP)
<i>Most Knowledgeable MP</i>	Joe Comartin (NDP)
<i>Best Constituency Representative</i>	Bill Casey (IND)
<i>Best Rookie MP</i>	Megan Leslie (NDP)

The top four runners-up in each category are also revealed below, and all MPs named have their voting point totals posted. A detailed methodology appears at the end of this release.

The Awards Rankings for 2009

Best Overall Member of Parliament for 2009

Hon. Jason Kenney (CONS) – 77

This is his first win in this category.

Category Runners-up...

Michael Ignatieff (LIB) -- 56

Gilles Duceppe (BQ) -- 53



Paul Szabo (LIB) -- 45

Peter Stoffer (NDP) -- 44

Hardest Working MP for 2009

Paul Szabo (LIB) - 94

This is his third consecutive win for this category.

Category Runners-up...

Ted Menzies (CONS) -- 81

Libby Davies (NDP) -- 59

Paul Crete (BQ) -- 52

Joe Comartin (NDP) -- 50

Best Orator for 2009

Hon. Bob Rae (LIB) - 142

Category Runners-up...

Gilles Duceppe (BQ) -- 91

Real Menard (BQ) -- 90

Thomas Mulcair (NDP) -- 83

Michael Ignatieff (LIB) - 82



Most Collegial MP for 2009

Peter Stoffer (NDP) – 187

This is his third consecutive win for this category.

Category Runners-up...

Rodger Cuzner (LIB) -- 58

Paul Crete (BQ) -- 39

Nicole Demers (BQ) -- 33

James Rajotte (CONS) – 26

Most Knowledgeable MP for 2009

Joe Comartin (NDP) – 102

This is his second consecutive win for this category.

Category Runners-up...

Gilles Duceppe (BQ) -- 80

Stephen Harper (CONS) -- 69

Bob Rae (LIB) -- 65

Ralph Goodale (LIB) – 54

Best Constituency Representative for 2009

Bill Casey (IND) – 83

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Category Runners-up...

Charlie Angus (NDP) -- 75

Cheryl Gallant (CONS) -- 74

Peter Stoffer (NDP) -- 68

Larry Bagnell (LIB) -- 41

Best Rookie MP for 2009

Megan Leslie (NDP) - 141

Category Runners-up...

Marc Garneau (LIB) -- 104

Josee Beaudin (BQ) -- 100

Niki Ashton (NDP) -- 86

Kelly Block (CONS) - 80

Detailed Methodology

The annual Parliamentarians of the Year Awards rankings are determined by Members of Parliament who are provided with a list of attributes wherein they freely choose various colleagues who they believe best represent the attribute category. There is no list supplied -- these are names which are chosen on an open-ended basis (with the exception of the Best Rookie category, for which MPs were provided with a list of first-time MPs in the current parliament).

Each MP is given the opportunity to evaluate MPs within their own Party and outside of their Party in seven categories: Hardest Working; Best Orator; Most Collegial; Most Knowledgeable about the issues of the day; Best Constituency Representative; Best Rookie; and Best Overall MP. In each of these categories, MPs are asked to select their first and second choices within their own Party and then their first and second choices from outside of their Party.

Each individual vote is then weighted using an index based on the party size of the MP who submitted the vote. Each party's total voting power is indexed to 100 in order to ensure that party size results in neither an advantage nor a disadvantage to any Party. Votes from independent MPs are assigned neutral weights.

Party	Number of MPs	Index Value	Weighting Factor
Bloc Quebecois	49	100	2.04
Conservative	143	100	0.70
Liberal	77	100	1.30
NDP	37	100	2.70

Weighted votes are then converted into scores using the following scoring scheme: first-place votes are worth 2 points, while second-place votes are worth 1 point.

*** Party Identification Guide:**

CONS = Conservative Party of Canada

LIB= Liberal Party of Canada

NDP= New Democratic Party of Canada

BQ= Bloc Québécois

IND= Independent

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