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# Retirement of the Clerk of the House of Commons

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Today at the meeting of the Board of Internal Economy, Mr. Charles Robert announced his retirement from the role of Clerk of the House of Commons, effective Friday, January 13, 2023.

Mr. Robert was appointed Clerk in July 2017. Over the last five years, Mr. Robert led the Administration through significant periods of transformation, such as the historic opening of the interim Chamber in West Block and the implementation of hybrid proceedings and e-voting applications. He also led improvement to Members' services, including expanded offerings within the Members' orientation and transition programs, numerous physical and digital security enhancements, and streamlined access to administrative support for Members and their employees through client care teams.

Mr. Robert's distinguished career on Parliament Hill began more than 42 years ago, with time spent at the Library of Parliament, House of Commons, and the Senate, where he was appointed interim Clerk of the Senate in 2015. Among his many achievements at the Senate are the development of the first dedicated manual on the day-to-day conduct of Senate sittings and rules, *Senate Procedure in Practice* and the direction of a complete revision of the *Rules of the Senate* to simplify, clarify and modernize them. In addition, Mr. Robert has written numerous articles and reviews exploring procedural aspects of our parliamentary history.

The Speaker thanks Mr. Robert for his decades of faithful and devoted service to Canada's Parliament where his counsel and expertise were invaluable.

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