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Mrs Jane Prentice—Member for Ryan, veterans of No 3 Squadron Association, No 3 Squadron serving members, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my great pleasure to be here with you today—representing the Chief of Air Force—as we commemorate 100 years of service and sacrifice by this historic squadron.

In the context of today, I want to talk to you about the power of a legacy—a force that inspires human endeavor in the face of adversity, that cannot be bought and which is defined by human sacrifice and is clearly evident in No 3 Squadron. To the veterans of No 3 Squadron, both past and present, you have crafted a legacy through your actions, with many having paid the ultimate sacrifice in service of this great nation. I can—with confidence—state that every serving member of this squadron uses your legacy as a hard measure of their performance. They do not want to disappoint you or their country; as such, there is no more powerful motivator.

As I speak, Wing Commander Haly prepares his squadron to add yet another chapter to the squadron's legacy. I know that as they lift the quill, to put ink to parchment, that they do so with the full understanding of the gravity of such an undertaking and that they will craft a narrative that—in the future—others will judge their performance by. It will inspire; it will drive human performance.

For that, I wish them God's speed.