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Unveiling of the official portrait of the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., 36th Speaker of the House of Commons

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Today, the Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, had the pleasure of presiding over the unveiling ceremony for the [official portrait](#) of the Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., who served as the 36th Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Regan held this position from 2015 to 2019 during the 42nd Parliament. Mr. Regan comes from a family with deep roots in politics and he himself has a long history with the House of Commons. First elected as Member of Parliament for Halifax West in 1993, then re-elected seven times in that riding, he also served as both a government and opposition MP, as parliamentary secretary and as Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

The portrait is the work of James Middleton, a Canadian artist living in Nova Scotia: “I like to include something in a portrait that is meaningful to my subject—be it career-related or something that reflects their character or their life story. During our meeting to discuss his portrait, Mr. Regan showed me a picture that he had painted of a rural scene in Nova Scotia. We agreed that his painting, if used as a backdrop, would reflect who he is and his Nova Scotia roots and would add some colour to the halls of Parliament.”

The portrait will be put on display in West Block alongside the portraits of his predecessors, while Centre Block is being rehabilitated. It will then be transferred to the Speakers’ Portrait Gallery in Centre Block.

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