



## The Right Honourable Herb Gray, P.C., C.C., Q.C.

This year the Churchill Society recognizes the importance of parliamentary service by honouring the longest continuously-serving Member of Parliament in Canadian history with its Annual Award for Excellence in the Cause of Parliamentary Democracy. The Right Honourable Herb Gray was first elected to Parliament for the riding of Essex West on June 18, 1962 and was re-elected in twelve subsequent federal elections until his retirement on January 14, 2002 having achieved a history-setting record of 39 years, 6 months and 29 days of service in Parliament. He served as Cabinet Minister in the governments of three Canadian Prime Ministers in portfolios including Solicitor General of Canada, President of the Treasury Board, Industry Trade and Commerce, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, National Revenue, Regional Economic Expansion and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. He was recognized as Deputy Prime Minister from 1997 to 2002 and as Leader of the Official Opposition and held numerous shadow critic positions during years when in opposition. Mr. Gray holds the distinction of having been the Dean of the House of Commons and was Canada's first Jewish Federal Cabinet minister. A Companion of the Order of Canada in recognition of being "an enduring force in Canadian politics", in January 2002 the Governor General granted the title Right Honourable to this remarkable Canadian. Following his retirement from Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray was appointed Chancellor of Carleton University and is currently the Canadian Chair of the International Joint Commission, a bilateral organization which deals with Canadian-United States transboundary issues.



## Lynne Olson

Parliamentary service is the theme of Lynne Olson's highly acclaimed best-selling *Troublesome Young Men*. Here, she recounts the story of how a small band of rebel government Members of Parliament - Harold Macmillan, Robert Boothby, Leo Amery and Ronald Cartland - risked their political careers to oppose British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler. Their determination brought Winston Churchill to power and helped to save England and the world.

The story of these Parliamentarians represents the ultimate ideal of principle in Parliamentary service. It was this ideal and the conduct of these extraordinary men that changed the course of modern history. Ms. Olson is a former White House correspondent for the Baltimore Sun, has worked with The Associated Press in Salt Lake City and San Francisco, and became the wire service's first woman correspondent in Moscow where she was based from 1974 to 1976. She is the author of *Freedom's Daughters: The Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement From 1830 to 1870*, and co-author of *A Question of Honor*, *The Kosciuszko Squadron: Forgotten Heroes of World War II* and *The Murrow Boys: Pioneers on the Front Lines of Broadcast Journalism*. Lynne is presently working on *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour* to be released in February 2010.

