Mahbub-Ul (Mel) Hosain - nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering for the CPR Medal

Mel Hosain is a Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan where, for 36 years up to his retirement in 2005, he worked tirelessly and with a passion and dedication to teaching likely unmatched in academic circles.   His main areas of teaching and research were in structural analysis and design in structural steel, and his important research has contributed to the updating of the CSA design code and Commentary for structural steel.

So much of Mel's work centered on education. With few exceptions, his life's work has been the education of young people who chose to make engineering their profession.   He has been very effective in this mission and well recognized with many prestigious awards for teaching excellence.

For many years, Mel served the CSCE, at the local and national levels. He was the founding editor of the Canadian Civil Engineer magazine, was instrumental in starting a local section of the CSCE in Saskatoon in the late 1970's, helped to organize many of the Society's national lecture tours, and more recently, served as President of the CSCE.   He has also been recognized as Volunteer of the Year in 2001 for his exemplary work with another organization for which he passionately works - Save the Children Canada.

Most engineering graduates from the University of Saskatchewan over the last few decades will know and remember fondly their good friend, teacher and mentor, Mel Hosain. His impact on their lives and education has been exemplary. His contributions to the CSCE have been without equal, and he continues to be an admired and respected contributor and participant at CSCE annual conferences. Tonight, we are delighted to show our appreciation for all Mel has done to touch the lives of many Canadian engineers through his teaching, leadership and service to the profession.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Madam President, as the Recipient of the CPR Medal, please welcome Mel Hosain.