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It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all gathered for the 90th Anniversary and Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Home Economics Association.

In this time of change, global crises and challenge I take comfort in the fact that for nearly a century, the Ottawa Home Economics Association has played a pivotal role in nurturing the values of sustainability and human security in your communities.

In very practical ways through a focus on the "near environment" you have enhanced our quality of life. Issues as diverse as poverty, food security, housing, health, economic security, family studies, and child development are approached in an interdisciplinary way. You have contributed through education, the teaching of skills and the promotion of sound public policy.

As His Majesty The King's representative in Ontario, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your 90th anniversary. Home economists are uniquely qualified to influence the course of events – in our neighbourhoods and beyond our borders. May you continue to grow and flourish.

Please accept my very best wishes for a productive meeting.

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