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Orangeville's Mervin Dewasha Honoured at Queen's Park Ceremony

(Queen's Park) – Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin-Caledon), attended the Ontario Medal of Good Citizenship Ceremony on Monday where Mervin Dewasha, CEO of Neegan Burnside was one of the eleven honourees at a ceremony held at Queen's Park.

The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship is a Provincial award which and recognizes and encourages the virtues of good citizenship. The award reflects their acts of selflessness, generosity and kindness, and exceptional contributions to community life. Earlier this year, Mervin Dewasha was also one of fourteen people to receive a National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Award in the field of technology and trades earlier this year.

“Mr. Dewasha has been a long time mentor for aboriginal youth entering the technology and trades fields,” said Jones. “I was pleased to be able to celebrate this important occasion with him.”

Mr. Dewasha has always been very active in his community. He developed the first Indian Housing Building Code and he helped a First Nation community get their first ever bank loan to build a school on reserve. Mr. Dewasha founded the Canadian Aboriginal Science and Engineering Association, a non-profit organization to increase opportunities for Aboriginal youth to land careers in these fields. Mr. Dewasha and his company Neegan Burnside, has completed approximately 1200 projects for more than 200 First Nation communities across North America.

“Mr Dewasha exemplifies the spirit of giving and volunteerism,” said Jones. “I was proud to be in attendance as Mr. Dewasha was recognized as a successful businessman, an accomplished Aboriginal advocate.”

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