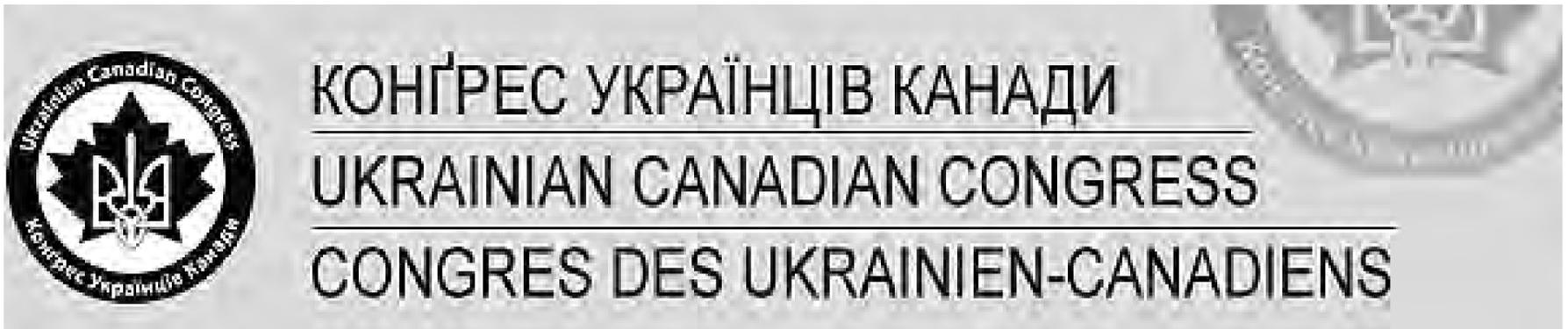


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## UCC Congratulates Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Kutryk on his selection as a Canadian Astronaut



Lt. Col. Kutryk  
(Photo - Canadian Space Agency)

■ **July 27, 2017. OTTAWA**—The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) offered sincere congratulations to Lt. Col. Joshua Kutryk, a Ukrainian Canadian, on his selection as a Canadian astronaut. Lt. Col. Kutryk and Dr. Jennifer Sidey were welcomed to Canada's astronaut corps on July 1 at the Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill.

Lt. Col. Kutryk and Dr. Sidey were the two candidates selected out of over 3700 applications to the Canada Space Agency's astronaut recruitment campaign.

Speaking about his roots, Lt. Col. Kutryk said, "I grew up in a farming community at Beauvallon which is north east of Vegreville, Alberta. My great-grandfather settled here after

immigrating from western Ukraine in 1910. My father Barry grew up here as well and was the third generation to farm this land. The property still belongs to our family. Ukrainian was the first language my father spoke. The Ukrainian culture and customs were very important to him. My three siblings and I were raised with these customs which also included learning Ukrainian dancing. Unfortunately we lost our father last July to cancer but his legacy lives on through us."

Paul Grod, National President of the UCC, stated, "We are delighted by this tremendous accomplishment by a proud member of the Ukrainian Canadian community, having been selected as a Canadian astronaut. Space exploration is one of the most admirable of human endeavours; it is a symbol of what we together can achieve. It inspires generations of young people to pursue knowledge and scholarship. It contributes immeasurably to comity among nations and the greatest of causes—peace for all humankind. On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian community, I wish Lt. Col. Kutryk great success in his future work as an astronaut. He is an inspiration for us all. Best wishes and Godspeed!"

Lt. Col. Kutryk began his service in the Canadian Armed Forces in 2000. Before joining the Canadian Space Program, Lt. Col. Kutryk was an experimental test pilot and a fighter pilot in Cold Lake, Alberta, where he led the unit responsible for the operational flight-testing of fighter aircraft in Canada.

## US President signs Russia sanctions bill into law



■ Reuters reported, "U.S. President Donald Trump has signed into law new sanctions against Russia that were passed overwhelmingly by Congress last week and that run counter to his desire to improve relations with Moscow. A White House official said on Wednesday he had signed the bill, and White House adviser Kellyanne Con-

way confirmed this during an interview with Fox News. [...]"

The new sanctions measure, the first major foreign policy legislation approved by Congress since Trump took office in January, includes a provision allowing Congress to stop any effort by the president to ease existing sanctions on Russia.

The legislation will affect a range of Russian industries and might further hurt the Russian economy, already weakened by 2014 sanctions imposed after Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine. [...]"

Several provisions of the new sanctions target the Russian energy sector, with new limits on U.S. investment in Russian companies. American companies also would be barred from partic-

## UCC Congratulates Advisory Council Member George Myhal on Appointment to Order of Canada

■ **July 4, 2017. OTTAWA**—The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) congratulates Mr. George Myhal, C.M., member of the UCC Advisory Council, on his appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada.

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, announced the appointment on June 30.

"Mr. Myhal is one of the outstanding leaders of our Ukrainian Canadian community, and I warmly congratulate him on receiving this prestigious honour," stated Paul Grod, National President of the UCC. "As a member of the UCC's Advisory Council, Mr. Myhal provides invaluable guidance to the development of the UCC, our strategic plans and vision. The Order of Canada is one of our country's highest civilian honours, and Mr. Myhal's appointment is well-deserved. Вітаємо!"

Mr. Myhal is the President and CEO of Partners Value Investments Inc. Previously, he was a Senior Managing Partner and the Chief Operating Officer of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. He was appointed to the Order of Canada "for his achievements as an investment and finance leader, and for his philanthropic contributions, notably in support of innovation in engineering."

"I am delighted to recognize these new recipients of the Order of Canada on the eve of the 150th anniversary of Confederation," said the Governor General. "This July 1 also marks 50 years since the creation of the Order of Canada and the first-ever list of appointments, which was released a few



George Myhal, C.M.

days later. The individuals on today's list, just like those appointed half a century ago, are truly inspiring as they have helped to build the smarter, more caring nation that we, as Canadians, are all so proud to call 'home'. Let us celebrate these remarkable individuals today and every day!"

### About the Order of Canada

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada, one of our country's highest civilian honours, recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Close to 7000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and have taken to heart the motto of the Order: DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM ("They desire a better country"). Appointments are made by the governor general on the recommendation of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada.

icipating in energy exploration projects where Russian firms have a stake of 33 percent or higher. The bill includes sanctions on foreign companies investing in or helping Russian energy exploration, although the president could waive those sanctions.

The bill would give the Trump administration the option of imposing sanctions on companies helping develop Russian export pipelines, such as the Nord Stream 2 pipeline carrying natural gas to Europe, in which German companies are involved."

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