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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ABOUMANSOUR, Nahid

Ms

Founding Petites-Mains - Helping to improve the lives of immigrant women in Montréal

CQ MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 15 September 2021

DOI: 1995

“For founding Petites-Mains, a social economy organization helping to improve the lives of immigrant women in Montréal.”

“Through the social economy organization Petites-Mains, Nahid Aboumansour has helped improve the lives of immigrant and unemployed women in the Montréal area by bringing them out of isolation, facilitating their integration into Canadian society and promoting their entry into the labour market. For thousands of women, taking part in one of the socio-professional integration programs has helped them regain their confidence and dignity while contributing to the city’s social and economic development.

Awarded **Knight Ordre de Quebec (CQ)** in 2017.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ARNOLD, Ian M.F.

MSC

CG: 04 July 2020

Dr

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 01 July 2020

Established first National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health & Safety Workplace

DOI: January 2013

"For leading the committee that established the first *National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace*."

Dr. Arnold completed his M. D. at Queen's University at Kingston in 1968 and was certified in general surgery in 1973. From 1973 to 1981 he worked as a surgical consultant in Labrador and Nouveau Québec at the Captain William Jackman Memorial Hospital and the Fermont Medical Clinic. Dr. Arnold's work in Occupational Health started in 1975 as a consultant to Quebec Cartier Mining Ltd. He became the Medical Director of the Carol Project of the Iron Ore Company of Canada in 1978.



In July of 1981, he was named a Senior Medical Consultant in Occupational Health (Alberta Government) and took over the Directorship of the Medical Services Branch in 1983. In 1984 Dr. Arnold joined Dow Chemical Canada Inc. He was Dow Canada's Corporate Medical Director when he moved to Noranda Inc. in 1991, as the Corporate Medical Director and Director – Occupational Health. From 1996 until 2001, Dr. Arnold held senior corporate roles in Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) at Alcan Inc. and was also Vice – President of Alcan International.

Since retiring from Alcan in 2002, Dr. Arnold has continued his involvement in HSE through his consulting roles with the International Aluminium Institute, the International Council on Mining and Metals, Rio Tinto, TDV Global, Sun Life, the Centre for Mental Health in the Workplace, Mental Health Innovations, EEM, and Geovector. Dr. Arnold was a volunteer charter member and past Chairperson, of the Workforce Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. He is also a Board member of the Mach – Gaensslen Foundation – a charitable foundation funding medical research and education in the fields of cardiology, psychiatry, and oncology – and serves/has served on several other Boards.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

ATAMAN, Darcy

Mr

Founding Make Music Matter to help survivors of armed conflict overcome emotional trauma

OM MSC

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 2012

"For founding Make Music Matter, an organization that helps survivors of armed conflict overcome emotional trauma."

Awarded **Order of Manitoba (OM)** as per the **Manitoba Government News Release** of 12 May 2022.



Medals: OM - MSC

BANNO, Robert Tadashi

Mr

Leadership in the creation of Nikkei Place for the Japanese-Canadian Community - **Deceased**

MSC

Burnaby, British Columbia

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 2000

"For his leadership in the creation of Nikkei Place, a landmark cultural institution in Burnaby that unites the Japanese-Canadian community."

Consul General Asako Okai conferred **Japan's Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays**, on Robert Tadashi Banno, QC, in 29 April 2016 (announced in the **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2016). That honour contrasted the first sunrise he witnessed. That was above mountains ringing the Second World War Japanese-Canadian internment camp at Tashme, B.C., where he was born on 09 March 1943. The award recognized Banno's efforts to build the Nikkei Place complex that Okai called "one of the cornerstones of Japanese Canadian life and community." Banno is the Nikkei Place Foundation's 15-year president. Wife Cathy Makihara was executive director of related societies. Robert Banno died on 16 June 2020.



Robert Banno and wife Cathy Makihara

Robert is wearing the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays of Japan.

Medals: MSC – EIR Diamond Jubilee – Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays (Japan)

Awarded **Order of the Rising Sun (Gold and Silver Rays) (Japan)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2016.

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

BLAIN, Kathryn

Ms

Founding the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada

MSC

Waterloo, Ontario

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 1997

“For founding the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada, which promotes awareness and prevention of the illness in Canada and internationally.”

After leaving a career as a financial planner, I became involved in the interior design business. I decided to expand upon this career and opened a furniture store in 2001, along with my husband Don who was a retired Platoon Chief from the Kitchener fire department.

My most proud accomplishment has been being a Mother, that role for me embodied the essence of my being. In 1995 I was shaken to the core of my existence in the sudden death of my son Michael Longo age 19 from Meningococcal Septicaemia. The loss of Michael in my life channels so much of how I live my life and what energy I put into the various aspects of my life. As a symbol of my love for him and who he was as a person I founded the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada, along with the support of a very valued Board of Directors.



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BOUTIN, Sandy

Ms

Founding the Festival de musique émergente en Abitibi-Témiscamingue Francophone culture

MSC

Montreal, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 2002

“For founding the Festival de musique émergente en Abitibi-Témiscamingue and for promoting Francophone culture.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

CARELLA, Franca Damiani

Ms

Establishing the Vitanova Foundation

MSC

Woodbridge, Ontario

Posthumous

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 1987

“For establishing the Vitanova Foundation, a facility dedicated to the rehabilitation of those struggling with substance abuse.”



Franca Damiani Carella, Countess of Vergada, Doctor of Sacred Letters Founder & Executive Director, The Vitanova Foundation. A healer in and of our community, she **died** in her beloved Aruba, on 17 January, 2020. The only daughter of the late Antonio Glubavaz-Dettrico-Frangipani-Damiani, Count of Vergada, and the late Maria Bosna Damiani Visano, Franca was born July 17, 1935, in Zara, an ancient Venetian and later Italian enclave on the Adriatic's Dalmatian coast (now Zadar, Croatia). She was predeceased by her brother Franco, Count of Vergada, her son Gregory John Meadwell, her sister Fulvia Visano Mrusek, and her daughter Dawn Carella Petrasso. She is survived by Tony, her husband of thirty-nine years; her brothers John Visano (Rose) and Livio Visano (Brenda Spotton); her children---Mara Dunlap (Sam Perri), Tina Cyr, Diana Alonso (Ramiro), and Mark Meadwell (Danuta Rosinska); her twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins in Canada, Italy, Croatia, and the United States. Born into a noble family, whatever life Franca might have led was changed irrevocably by the assassination of her father by partisans when she was five. The next fifteen years were marked by all the miseries of imprisonment, wartime displacement and post-war refugee camps. Nevertheless, like many refugees and immigrants to Canada, Franca accomplished much. But what drove her was neither ambition nor hunger for fame; rather it was an extraordinary capacity for compassion directed to anyone in need. Franca cherished every person as an individual, paying it forward, all the time.

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ING, Harry

Mr

Founding Bubble Technology Industries in the field of Nuclear Radiation Detection

MSC

Deep River, Ontario

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 1988

“For founding Bubble Technology Industries, a corporation at the forefront of development in the field of nuclear radiation detection.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

GREENE, Mackie

Mr
Founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team

MSC
Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 01 July 2020
DOI: 2002

HOWLETT, Joseph Michael

Mr
Founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team

MSC
Wilson's Beach, New Brunswick
Posthumous

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 01 July 2020
DOI: 2002

“For founding the Campobello Whale Rescue Team, a volunteer group that disentangles distressed whales from fishing gear.”

On 10 July 2017, and Howlett and the rest of the *Shelagh* crew were racing to save North Atlantic right whale No. 4123. After finding the whale, the Fisheries and Oceans boat they had switched to approached the animal slowly. On his first pass, Howlett was able to cut one line. In only 15 minutes and two masterful cuts, No. 4123 was free. As the whale propelled itself down into the sea, Howlett had to duck as the tail came up. The dorsal side of the whale's tail flip into the bow of the boat as it was going down hitting Howlett with roughly a tonne of force. Howlett was killed instantly.



Mackie Greene

Joseph Howlett

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

GOURDJI, Henry Chaim

MSC CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel (retired) – Cdn Grenadier Guards

Beaconsfield, Quebec

GH: 25 April 2019

Sweeping impact on air navigation safety as a senior official with Int'l Civil Aviation Organization

DOI: June 2014 to 2017

"Henry Gourdji has had a sweeping impact on air navigation safety as a senior official with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. His creative approach to expanding the organization's oversight program and his ability to forge partnerships among ICAO's member states have augmented safety procedures around the world and have enhanced Canada's reputation as an international leader in the field of civil aviation."

Medals: MSC (civil) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Chaim GOURDJI, MSC, CD

Commanding Officer – Canadian Grenadier Guards

May 2008 to September 2011

**Head Strategic Planning Coordination and Partnership (SPCP) Office
Office of the Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization
November 2015 to present**



He established and lead a new office reporting directly to the Secretary General. This Office is responsible to coordinate high-level and cross-cutting strategies and priorities among the different Bureaus and Offices, including the Regional Offices, of the Organization. In particular, the SPCP is responsible for the development and maintenance of the ICAO Business Plan, the ICAO Operating Plan, the Corporate Performance Management Framework, the Corporate Key Performance Indicators and the Risk Registry, which form the basis for resource allocation and assist the Secretary General to monitor its accountability and performance with respect to the implementation of initiatives. The SPCP also has the responsibility to facilitate the development of partnerships as well as to leverage such strategic partnerships in air transport systems' enhancements in Member States and the mobilization of resources needed to implement necessary improvements.

**Deputy Director, Monitoring and Oversight, Air Navigation Bureau
June 2014 – September 2017 3 years 4 months**

He provided high level support in managing, planning, and coordinating the activities in the Bureau, in particular those activities related to the continuous monitoring of States' safety oversight capabilities. As Deputy Director Monitoring and Oversight, he was expected to make necessary decisions to ensure the proper operation of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme under the Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOAP-CMA) as a result of directions received from the General Assembly, Council and Secretary General.

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

MARCIL-GRATTON, Nicole

Ms
Founding The Lighthouse Palliative Care Home

CQ MSC
Montréal, Quebec
Posthumous

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 01 July 2020 & 09/12/21
DOI: 1999

VIAU-CHAGNON, Michèle

Ms
Founding The Lighthouse, Children and Families First pediatric palliative care home in PQ

CQ MSC
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 01 July 2020 & 09/12/21
DOI: 1999

“For founding The Lighthouse, Children and Families, and Maison André-Gratton, the first pediatric palliative care home in Quebec.”

“Deeply committed to the well-being of children with life-threatening illnesses, Michèle Viau-Chagnon and Nicole Marcil-Gratton were instrumental in the great achievements of The Lighthouse, Children and Families. For 20 years, they have been involved in Quebec’s social and community development, establishing the province’s first respite and pediatric palliative care home. Since its founding, Maison André-Gratton has become a place of welcome and comfort, a safe harbour in the storm for more than 800 families in need of support.”

Nicole Marcil-Gratton died on 16 June 2018. *The decoration awarded to the late Nicole Marcil-Gratton was presented to her son, Mr. François Gratton.*

Both were awarded **Knight Ordre du Quebec (CQ)** in 2009.



Nicole Marcil-Gratton

Michèle Via-Chagnon

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PEARCE, Matthew

Mr
leading the transformation of the Old Brewery Mission in Montréal

MSC
Montréal, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 01 July 2020
DOI: 2008

“For leading the transformation of the Old Brewery Mission in Montréal to create more stable housing solutions for people facing homelessness.”

Matthew Pearce has been the CEO and President of the Old Brewery Mission starting in 2008.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

PITRE, Jonathan
Mr
Raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa

MSC
Embrun, Ontario
Posthumous

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 15 September 2021
DOI: 2012

BOILEAU, Tina
Mr
Raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa

MSC
Embrun, Ontario

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 15 September 2021
DOI: 2012



"For raising awareness of epidermolysis bullosa, a debilitating skin disorder that ultimately took Jonathan's life."

"Diagnosed with epidermolysis bullosa (EB) as a newborn, Jonathan Pitre became known as the Butterfly Child and the public face of this rare, debilitating skin disorder when he bravely allowed his daily wound-care regimen to be recorded by local media. Committed to fighting the disease, he and his mother, Tina Boileau, helped raise awareness and significant funds for research, which has since led to greater support for other families affected by EB. Even though the disease eventually took Jonathan's life, his story continues to serve as a source of inspiration to all."

The decoration awarded to the late Mr. Pitre will be received by his mother, Tina Boileau.

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vanderSTOOP, Wanda
Ms
For Founding the *imagineNATIVE* Film & Media Arts Festival

MSC
Toronto, Ontario

CG: **04 July 2020**
GH: 01 July 2020
DOI: 2000



"For founding the *imagineNATIVE* Film & Media Arts Festival to showcase Indigenous filmmaking talent from around the world."

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

SMITH, Byron

Mr

For co-founding *Ride For Dad* raising funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research

MSC

Carleton Place, Ontario

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 01 July 2020

DOI: 2000

JANZ, Garry

Mr

For co-founding *Ride For Dad* raising funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research

MSC

Carleton Place, Ontario

CG: 06 January 2018

GH: 09 December 2021

DOI: 2000

“For co-founding *Ride For Dad*, which raises funds for and awareness of prostate cancer research through large-scale, one-day ride events.”

“Garry Janz and Byron Smith are the co-founders of *Ride For Dad*, which raises funds and awareness for prostate cancer research through large scale one-day ride events. Under their leadership, the organization has expanded to 44 chapters, involving thousands of volunteers and participants across Canada. To date, \$33 million has been donated to biomedical research communities, resulting in the development of new treatment strategies and more personalized care for patients.”



Garry Janz, MSC



Byron Smith, MSC

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TRUSCOTT, Helen Margaret (“Peggy”)

Ms

Establishing Walk of Hope for Ovarian Cancer

MSC

Toronto, Ontario

Posthumous

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 2012

“For establishing the Walk of Hope, Ovarian Cancer Canada’s premier annual, cross-country fundraising event.”



Peggy Truscott and her daughters, Sarah, Martha and Rebecca in 2002.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

WETTLAUFER, Robin

Ms

Evacuation of White Helmets civil Volunteers and their families from Syria

MSC

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 March 2021

GH: 25 February 2021

DOI: 21 July 2018



"For her central role in the evacuation of a group of White Helmets civil volunteers and their families from Syria when their security was at risk"

She is the representative of Canada in West Bank/Gaza & former Special Rep for Syria.

The bankers, barbers and ordinary citizens in Syria made up the White Helmets, who, over Syria's seven-year civil war, were the volunteer rescue workers who had braved barrel bombing and chemical attacks to save more than 114,000 citizens who dared oppose President Bashar al-Assad. Singled out for torture and death by the regime, their lives were now in danger. With the assistance of Canadian Ambassador Peter MacDougall, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Robin Wettlaufer, messages via phone calls, WhatsApp messages, and coded emails went out to the White Helmets that they were in danger. The regime's advancing army had closed off the border

to Jordan, leaving the Golan Heights as the only crossing point available, which meant Israel had to agree to let them in. Jordan had to sign off on receiving the rescued men, women and children from Israel, even if only for a short stay. Buses to take the White Helmets from Israel to Jordan had to be organized. Meanwhile, Assad's regime was closing off access routes from the south to the Israeli border. And, as if the stars refused to align, ISIS started its own scrap for a piece of land that cut off access from the south.

The Mayday Rescue team sent a coded message by text and WhatsApp to the White Helmets: Head to the border with Israel. The instruction seemed counterintuitive — Israel was an enemy border. But it was the only option available, so the first responders began moving from dozens of locations toward the Golan Heights. Shortly after 9 p.m. on July 21, 2018, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) gave the order: "Now." The metal gate separating the two enemy countries cranked open. That night, 422 lives were saved.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

BEDARD, Wanda

Ms

Founder 60 Million Girls Foundation

MSC

Montreal, Quebec

CG: 29 January 2022

GH:

DOI: 1999

She realized that she was born in a country that offers women a chance to succeed through education. Encouraged by a successful fundraising gala and project to build a satellite school in Burkina Faso, West Africa, Wanda Bedard decided to start a new venture. With the encouragement of a small group of like-minded women who also believe in a better and fairer world, in 2006 she established the *60 million girls* Foundation. The goal was to sponsor on an annual basis at least two large-scale projects focused on providing access to education to girls in developing countries, thus supplying the essential tool of education to help them transform their life.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

GRINVALDS, Paul

Mr
Co-Founder Afripads menstrual kits

MSC
Montreal and Uganda

CG: 29 January 2022
GH:
DOI: 2010

GRINVALDS, Sophia

Mrs
Co-Founder Afripads menstrual kits

MSC
Montreal and Uganda

CG: 29 January 2022
GH:
DOI: 2010

In 2010, AFRipads introduced the reusable sanitary pad to Sub-Saharan Africa with an aim to overcome key challenges that women and girls were facing whilst on their period including access, affordability and sustainability. Since then, AFRipads has grown to become the world's leading social enterprise manufacturing reusable sanitary pads.

To date, the AFRipads Menstrual Kits have positively impacted the lives of more than 3.5 million women and girls around the world. Following a decade of experience, AFRipads has learnt that in order to drive change, we need more than a product. Therefore, AFRipads works with humanitarian and development partners to provide a holistic menstrual health management (MHM) solution which combines product, education and evidence.

As a social enterprise dedicated to contributing to rural development, the AFRipads factory in rural Uganda provides meaningful employment to over 150 local women. In 2010, AFRipads introduced the reusable sanitary pad to Sub-Saharan Africa with an aim to overcome key challenges that women and girls were facing whilst on their period including access, affordability and sustainability. Since then, AFRipads has grown to become the world's leading social enterprise manufacturing reusable sanitary pads. To date, the AFRipads Menstrual Kits have positively impacted the lives of more than 3.5 million women and girls around the world. Following a decade of experience, AFRipads has learnt that in order to drive change, we need more than a product. Therefore, AFRipads works with humanitarian and development partners to provide a holistic menstrual health management (MHM) solution which combines product, education and evidence. As a social enterprise dedicated to contributing to rural development, the AFRipads factory in rural Uganda provides meaningful employment to over 150 local women.

Sophia's maiden name is Sophia Klumpp.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

WARRACK, Peter

Mr

Expert in anti-money Laundering and a leader in the fight against human trafficking

MSC

Niagara-on-the- Lake, Ontario

CG: 29 January 2022

GH:

DOI: 1990

Peter Warrack is a recognized expert in anti-money laundering and economic crime detection, prevention and investigation, with over 30 years experience in military intelligence, senior police detective roles, and executive positions within the Financial Intelligence Units of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and the Bank of Montreal (BOM). He is currently the Chief Compliance Officer for Bitfinex. He is a leader in the fight against human trafficking.

He is a former Detective Chief Inspector with the Northern Ireland Police Service's Economic Crime Bureau.



WEBSTAD, Phyllis M.C.

Ms

Creator Orange Shirt Day

MSC

Williams Lake, BC

CG: 29 January 2022

GH:

DOI: 13 May 2013

Phyllis Jack Webstad is a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) author from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, and the **creator of Orange Shirt Day**, a day of remembrance marked in Canada. She is a First Nations residential school survivor. She is an author. It is celebrated as a day of remembrance on 30 September each year.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Civil Division) (MSC)

RYCROFT, Nicole

Ms

Executive director of Canopy to protect endangered forests

MSC

Vancouver, BC

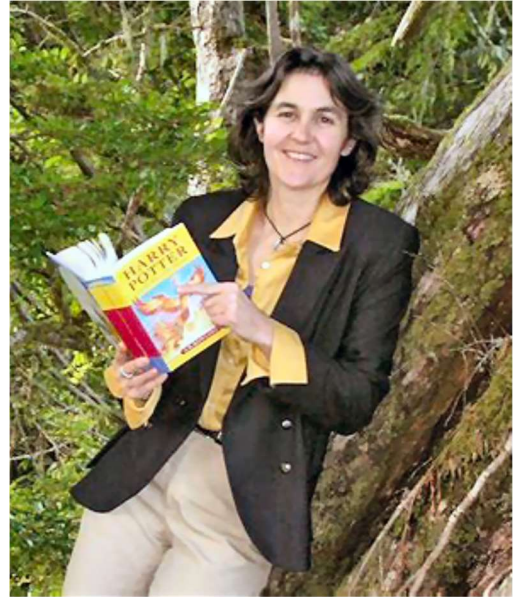
CG:

GH: 26 May 2022

DOI: 2002



“Social entrepreneur Nicole Rycroft is the founder and executive director of Canopy, which forges partnerships between governments, First Nations, environmental groups and forestry companies to protect endangered forests. From stickhandling conservation agreements to convincing publishers to print books on ecologically sustainable paper, she uses determination and diplomacy to engage business executives around the world in safeguarding biodiversity.”



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SADETSKY, GRÉGORY

Mr

Developing Emergency Call Location Software for the US Coast Guard after Hurricane Harvey

MSC

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 04 July 2020

GH: 26 May 2022

DOI: 2017



“Grégory Sadetsky played a pivotal role in developing emergency call location software that enabled the U.S. Coast Guard and Texas first responders to coordinate their evacuation efforts in response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. This software, which subsequently proved successful during hurricanes Florence and Michael, has become an invaluable public safety tool.”

