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CANADA-UNITED STATES RELATIONSHIP: AN EXAMPLE OF AND AN INNOVATION FOR THE WORLD

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INTRODUCTION

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Colin Robertson is the Minister of Advocacy and Head Washington Advocacy for the Canadian Embassy in Washington. His job is to work Congress, get them acquainted with Canada. He is a lobbyist in the best sense, not the worst sense, and he plays an important role representing Canada and Washington. He is a career foreign service officer. This is his fourth tour of duty in the United States, served in New York. He was Consulate General in Los Angeles, and he was responsible for support of the negotiators on the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement and NAFTA. He has also served in Hong Kong and held senior positions in the Treasury Board, Secretariat, Citizenship and Immigration; bullied mercifully by his three children, Allison, Sean and Connor and their dog Shelty. He swims, runs slowly, reads voraciously, and plays tennis badly. I present Colin Robertson to you here tonight. Colin.