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Queen Elizabeth II Bestows Birthday Honour on regional Scottish leader

BOSTON – In recognition of a lifetime’s devotion to supporting students, universities, entrepreneurs, innovators and non-profit organisations in Scotland and the United States, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has appointed **Robert Creighton** a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

As President of Scots in New England and former President of the New Hampshire Highland Games, Bob’s desire to promote Scottish culture, heritage, tourism, and businesses, while also working as a staunch advocate for those of Scottish descent, has been extraordinary. As a founding member of GlobalScot, Scotland’s international business network, Mr. Creighton has advanced Scottish businesses looking to enter and grow in US markets for nearly two decades. He has managed a dozen trade missions between Scotland and the United States and helped as a mentor to early-stage start-ups. As an adviser to the US National Tartan Day Committee, Bob serves as the ‘voice’ of the annual New York Tartan Day Parade. And during his tenure as President of NHSCOT (New Hampshire’s Scottish organisation), Bob broadened the reach and scope of the organisation to produce programming sharing Scottish heritage and culture across the entire year.

Bob has also been active with Scottish universities and research centres. Since 2012, Bob recruited and led programs for University Technology, a unique collaboration showcasing new technology opportunities available from Scotland’s prestigious academic research base. He is also the US representative for the City of Glasgow College in the US, leading fundraising and development efforts in the US for the past two years.

“This is one of life’s special moments and I am very grateful,” Mr. Creighton said of his inclusion in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours. “Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to be involved with some of the leading Scottish groups and events. These and other organizations work tirelessly to ensure that the links between our transatlantic communities continue to flourish. It is a great privilege to be in their company and I am deeply humbled to have been selected for this honour.”

Described by Henry McLeish, a former First Minister for Scotland, as “pivotal in the Scottish-American community,” Mr. Creighton has been at the interface of British and North American business, cultural and educational development efforts for over 30 years. Scottish born, Bob is now a resident of Connecticut in the United States where he lives with his wife Hilary and six children.

“I am delighted to see this award bestowed on Bob Creighton,” said **Peter Abbott, Her Majesty’s Consul General to Boston**. “He has been a tireless advocate for Scottish culture, heritage and business in New England and has supported countless young entrepreneurs along the way. Bob has

made an extraordinary contribution over many years and is hugely deserving of the recognition received from Her Majesty the Queen.”

MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) is awarded in recognition for exceptional service contributions to the arts and sciences, work with charitable and welfare organisations, and public service outside the civil service.

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