



## Canada—Ukraine Parliamentary Program

Mr. Speaker,



I wish to recognize 25 youthful delegates from Ukraine, who have visited with us for the past eight weeks. They are here, in Members' offices, to gain valuable perspectives of Canada's most important democratic institution: the PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

These young people, representing the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program, embody the highest ideals of achievement and community service. They are the future leaders of Ukraine.

Young people, like ROMAN BITS, from my office.

Canada and Ukraine are inextricably linked forever by prior migration. Fully 1 in 30 Canadians are of Ukrainian descent, as are my wife, daughters and granddaughters.

Ukraine holds a special place in the hearts of Canadians. Canada was the first country in the western world to accord diplomatic recognition in 1991 to an independent Ukraine.

As the young emissaries depart, we wish them well and say to them:

**Многая літа!**



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