

International Day of Families

Mr. Rodney:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The United Nations has designated this Friday, May 15, as the International Day of Families. My wife, Jennifer, my son, Dawson, and even our puppy, Mac-Gyver, will definitely celebrate the day, and I encourage all Albertans to do the same.

Healthy, supportive families are key to building a strong province, and that's why it's so important for individuals, communities, and government to work together to ensure that families enjoy the support they need to reach their full potential and build a successful future for all.

Our government provides numerous programs and services that contribute to building strong families, including family and community support services; parent link centres; services for foster and adoptive parents; support for quality child care; an education system that is second to none; high-quality, accessible health services; supports for seniors and people with disabilities; and so much more.

Mr. Speaker, successful families continue to be our priority, and we're proud of Alberta's diverse and thriving families, who provide children and youth with the foundation they need to become successful adults.

I'd like to thank my family for making me feel on top of the world every day. I'd like to encourage all Albertans to commemorate the International Day of Families on Friday and perhaps every day, and I'd like to congratulate everyone associated with each of our related ministries for their invaluable contributions to our province.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker:

Hon. members, today is also a very special anniversary for the hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed. Ten years ago today he became one of the very small number of human beings who had the opportunity to view the world from 29,035 feet above sea level, the summit of Mount Everest.