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Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to mention to my colleagues that tomorrow, May 28th, will mark the first annual National Multiple Births Awareness Day in Canada, being organized by Multiple Births Canada. The launch of this yearly event is being held in North Bay, Ontario, on the site of the Dionne Quints Museum, but is also being celebrated in ten other locations in Canada, from the West Coast to Eastern Ontario.

In Canada, there are approximately 150,000 multiple-birth children under the age of 20. The objective of this Awareness Day is to recognize that multiple-birth individuals and families face many challenges that are not commonplace to the general Canadian population. In any family, the introduction of multiple-birth children presents overwhelming physical, emotional and financial strains. As multiple-birth children grow, multiples and their families face special challenges in school, in social situations, as well as increased chance of health complications. As such, both supporting and improving the capacity for the parents of these children to cope is a crucial step in securing Canada's social foundations.

Please join me in offering our support to Multiple Births Canada as it works to increase awareness of these issues.