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**THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
MEMBER'S STATEMENT CONCERNING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
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Mr. Speaker, today kicks off National Volunteer Week in Canada. This week gives us occasion to both recognize the work done by volunteers and to get involved in charitable work ourselves.

On estime qu'au Canada, 12 millions de bénévoles donnent de leur temps à 161 000 organismes caritatifs qui génèrent 112 milliards de dollars pour notre économie chaque année.

Volunteers are selfless in their actions, noble in their intentions and they enrich the lives of people who they will never meet.

Je tiens à remercier tout le monde à Bénévoles Canada qui mobilise les bénévoles dans tout le pays.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of Canada's volunteers, like the individual men and women affected by the flood in Manitoba who have not thought twice about lending a helping hand to a neighbour in need. Thanks to all of them