Purple Day bill passes major step in Parliament

February 3, 2012 (Ottawa) - Geoff Regan, M.P. for Halifax West expressed delight at the unanimous support in the House of Commons for his Private Members Bill to promote epilepsy awareness.

Bill C-278, an Act respecting a day to increase public awareness about epilepsy, passed Second Reading today and was referred to the Standing Committee on Health. The bill establishes March 26th as Purple Day, a day each year when we Canadians wear purple to raise awareness of epilepsy.

In the House today, Regan said: “I want to close, though, with my thoughts and my appreciation to all members but particularly to Cassidy Megan, the young girl who started all this, of whom I am so proud. This means a great deal to all of us and I look forward to this bill succeeding and I appreciate the support of members.”

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