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Red Cross Day of Pink

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in the House as well in solidarity with all the children and youth, recognizing that today is Red Cross Day of Pink, the international day to take a stand against bullying.

Day of Pink, as was said, started in 2007 in Nova Scotia after a student was bullied for wearing a pink T-shirt to school. Two others asked all students at their school to wear pink T-shirts to show their opposition to bullying.

For many the Day of Pink is an important day to remember that homophobic and transphobic bullying is still a reality in our schools and communities, and that devastates young lives. This year Day of Pink coincides with Trans Awareness Week, and I think that's a wonderful thing, Mr. Speaker. We know that trans youth are among the most marginalized in our society and I am proud to have been a member of this Assembly when the gender identity was enshrined in Saskatchewan's Human Rights Code. I hope that continued conversations about trans issues and bullying will help us pave a way to a future free of transphobia and all other forms of bullying and discrimination.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in recognizing the importance of Red Cross Day of Pink and to show solidarity and to take a stand against bullying, violence, and intolerance in our schools and communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.