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Five Days for the Homeless

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This week five brave University of Saskatchewan students are taking part in a bold new Canadian student movement called Five Days for the Homeless. Marc D'Eon, Marc Lepage, Shannon Heincke, Reem Matlak, and Carlene Deutscher — all students of the Edwards business student society — began their challenge at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9 and will end it tomorrow.

This is quite a test with some very strict rules, including having no disposable income, no access to food or drink. They can consume only donated food and they cannot shower. And most importantly they must sleep outside. The only exception is if the temperatures are so low that the health is at risk. They must attend all their classes and complete all of their academic responsibilities including mid-terms.

The charity these students are supporting is Egadz, the Saskatoon community-based organization that provides resources and services that empower youth at risk to help themselves to reach their full potential. Egadz provides safe, acceptable place for youth with links to their families, and support of the community.

Mr. Speaker, these business students, both in the challenge and in support roles, want to raise awareness about youth homelessness, promote social responsibility, and to create a positive image for their school, university, and community. They're doing a fantastic job with a great idea. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join in me to congratulating the five days for the homelessness, Saskatoon, and wish them the very best.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: — Hear, hear!