



MP Holder pays tribute to Pvt. Knisley in Parliament

OTTAWA- February 5, 2009 – Member of Parliament Ed Holder will rise in the House of Commons shortly after 2PM today to recognize Private Andrew Knisley of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment. Pvt. Knisley, originally from London, was recently injured in Afghanistan.

“Private Andrew Knisley is one of many Canadian soldiers who have been seriously injured on the Afghanistan battlefield. I have spoken to Andrew and his father and both are doing the best they can under the circumstances. I just wanted to let them both know that Canadians are very appreciative of the sacrifices Pvt. Knisley and his fellow soldiers have made,” said Ed Holder.

The statement, which will be available live via CPAC and available in audio later today at www.edholder.ca, reads as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, on January 19th, 2009 Londoner, Private Andrew Knisley of the Royal Canadian Regiment was seriously wounded in Afghanistan.

Private Knisley is now back in Canada and recovering with the unwavering support of his father Ken, mother Heather, his sister Ruth, his friends and his military family.

We appreciate and admire those who risk their lives and their health in defence of Canada and the values we represent.

Private Knisley is one of many seriously injured soldiers. Their sacrifice is a daily struggle and they deserve our unqualified support.

They exemplify the brave Canadian soldier who heads to foreign lands to improve the lives of complete strangers.

Unfortunately, like those he helped, Private Knisley will wear the scars of war for the rest of his life.

Soldiers don't quit. They face adversity and use it to focus on what matters. It is who they are.

We wish Private Knisley a quick recovery and we admire the brave soldiers who serve our country abroad.

God bless you Andrew; and from this Canadian, you have my sincerest gratitude.”

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