

## **Canadian Downhill Ski Team**

### **Ms. Martha Hall Findlay (Willowdale, Lib.):**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to start my speech by stating that I understand Canadians' enthusiasm for hockey. I like hockey.

I like hockey players just as much as the next guy.

But as a former skier, I am proud to draw attention today to the success of Canada's downhill ski team in the world championships.

Recently in France, a young Canadian, John Kucera, became the first Canadian man to become world downhill ski champion.

A week later, still at the world championships, another young Canadian, Michael Janyk, won the bronze medal in the slalom, the first Canadian man to win a medal in a world championship tech event.

None of these young skiers is from my riding, but I am well aware, from experience and knowledge of the downhill ski community, of how important these championships are and how much effort goes into a win.

I ask the House to join me in congratulating these young Canadians and to wish the entire national ski team, men and women, the best of success for the rest of the season.

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