



**Notes for Remarks by
Hon. Ralph Goodale, PC, MP (Wascana)
Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada**

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100th Anniversary of Plast

Mr. Speaker:

Dr. Oleksander Tysovsky is the Lord Baden-Powell of Ukraine.

Just five years after Baden-Powell founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain, Tysovsky created its counterpart in Ukraine, known as PLAST. And on April 12th, PLAST will mark its 100th anniversary.

Now an international organization of Ukrainian youth, PLAST fosters personal development ... to help young people grow into conscientious, responsible, valuable citizens of their local, national and world communities.

And always, with an abiding love for Ukraine.

I remember how excited our former colleague, Borys Wrzesnewskyj, was that day in 2007 when several hundred PLAST members – from Canada and abroad – gathered here on Parliament Hill.

Today, we pay tribute to the good work of the Ukrainian Scouting movement, including PLAST Canada; we salute 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians; and we express again our passion for a genuinely free and democratic Ukraine!