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## **SASK PARTY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CANADA'S PEACEKEEPERS**

*Government MLAs unanimously support recognition of National Peacekeepers Day*

A bill declaring August 9 as National Peacekeepers Day in Saskatchewan received all three readings and was passed today in the provincial legislature. Government MLAs unanimously supported the legislation.

Saskatchewan men and women have served in numerous peacekeeping missions around the world. Many made the ultimate sacrifice and did not return from their tour of duty.

“Canadian peacekeepers are held in high regard around the world. The countries they serve in are forever changed for the better, which is a noble tradition every Canadian should be proud of,” said Saskatchewan Armed Forces Liaison and Wood River MLA Yogi Huyghebaert. “Their accomplishments and sacrifices deserve recognition, and I am proud to support legislation that will forever enshrine their contribution to our great nation.”

Canada's role in peacekeeping operations bring security, stability and support to highly volatile situations, and helps to lay the ground for reconstruction and development. “Peace operations” is a broad term encompassing a huge range of connected military, diplomatic and humanitarian tasks, as diverse as reforming justice and security systems, disarming and demobilizing troops, reintegrating them into peaceful pursuits, and supporting humanitarian assistance.

More than 125,000 Canadians have participated in United Nations and NATO peacekeeping duties throughout the world. That is more Peacekeepers than any other country.

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