



Ted Opitz

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MP Ted Opitz Celebrates the Anniversary of the Polish Constitution in Toronto.

(TORONTO, May 7, 2012) On Sunday, May 6th MP Ted Opitz (Etobicoke Centre) participated in celebrations commemorating the 221st anniversary of the Polish Constitution. The festivities began with a mass at St. Stanislaus Church and were followed by a gathering at the Polish Combatants' Association, where participants marched to Queen's Park to raise the Polish flag in front of the Ontario Legislature.

Representatives of various Polish-Canadian associations in attendance included the Polish Canadian Women's Federation, the Polish Combatants' Association, and Polish Scouts. Also present was Mrs. Teresa Berezowski, President of the Canadian Polish Congress (CPC). The march was organized by the Toronto branch of the CPC, headed by Mr. Juliusz Kirejczyk.

The Polish Constitution is the second modern national constitution in the world. Adopted on May 3rd, 1791, it was Europe's first democratic constitution, and ratified only four years after the American Constitution. Commemorating this event is of particular significance to Polish-Canadians as it honours Poland's long-standing battle for democracy and freedom. The event also celebrates modern Poland as a free, democratic, and prosperous European ally to Canada.

"I am honoured to celebrate this anniversary with fellow Polish Canadians, with whom I share the same heritage. Poland is a great example of a country that fought for individual freedom and is a valuable friend of Canada's," Mr. Opitz commented.



MP Ted Opitz (Etobicoke Centre) speaking in front of the Ontario Legislature in Toronto on the occasion of the anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

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