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Mr. Speaker,

I rise today to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the magnificent BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Toronto. It is Canada's first traditionally hand carved Hindu place of worship.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2007, the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir was inaugurated and dedicated to the people of Canada by His Holiness the late Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the creator and inspirational force behind the temple.

This summer, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated in the presence of His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, the current spiritual leader of the BAPS Swaminarayan organization. On behalf of Members, I welcome His Holiness to Canada.

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan organization is a worldwide organization dedicated to promoting spiritual, social and cultural needs of millions of Hindus around the world.

I invite all Members of Parliament to join me on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Toronto to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mandir.