

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

The House met at 1:33 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the chair.]

Statements

MCDONALD'S CHAMPION KIDS SELECTION OF JOHNATHAN BOTELHO

Hon. S. Bond: On behalf of my colleagues from Prince George–Mackenzie and Nechako Lakes.... We wanted to share a very good news story with the members this afternoon.

Olympic excitement is building, and that's the case in northern B.C. as well. There is a program called McDonald's Champion Kids, and it chooses 11 children from across Canada to participate in an international program connected to the Olympics. The students were chosen by a selection committee, including two-time Olympic gold medalist Cassie Campbell.

We are thrilled to tell you that one of those champion kids is from Prince George. Johnathan Botelho is a grade 7 student, a member of the local under-12 all-star A level soccer team. His enthusiasm for sports and great communication skills have allowed him to be a cub reporter on CKPG TV's *Cougar View* as well as a junior announcer at the CN Centre during Cougar games. He's an outstanding youth leader and now a McDonald's champion kid. He will be attending the Olympics, visiting cultural sites, interacting with other champion kids from around the world and filing a few stories, I am sure.

We are absolutely proud of Johnathan and wish him a wonderful time at the Olympics.