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TABLING PETITION ON THE THREE ABDUCTED ISRAELI
SOLDIERS IN SUMMER 2006
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Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my pleasure and privilege to present a petition signed by several thousand Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area on the issue of abducted Israeli soldiers in the summer of 2006.

As we know, three soldiers: Gilad Schalit, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, were abducted by Hamas and Hezbollah. We are all familiar with the events of 2006.

The petitioners call upon Parliament, through the government, to use all reasonable means, including economic sanctions and breaking of ties with those organizations responsible for the abductions and the governments that support them, in order to bring about a safe and swift return of these young men to their families.

While I am on my feet, I have as well an addition 1,070 signatures on a similar petition from the great citizens of Eglinton-Lawrence who also call upon the government to use all of the means available to it to ensure that those same three young men, abducted by Hamas and Hezbollah, and I will repeat their names: Gilad Schalit, Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, that they be returned to their families and that Parliament employ whatever means available to it, whether it be economic sanctions, breaking of ties with those organizations responsible for the abduction. We know that they have already been declared to be terrorist organizations – and the governments that support them.

All of the petitioners rely on Parliament to ensure that these soldiers, who represent the great democratic values around the world, be returned safely and swiftly to their families.