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**2019 Northwest Territories Track and Field Championships**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the athletes, coaches, chaperones and most importantly all the volunteers who are making their way to Hay River for the annual Northwest Territories Track and Field Championships.

At 1:00pm today events will commence making this the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of one of the Northwest Territories premier sporting events. I, along with some of my colleague from the House will be in attendance for the opening ceremonies tonight.

Approximately 30 teams and 1,150 athletes will embark on vying for the Championship Banner, 28 of those teams are from schools in 13 different communities from every region.

Mr. Speaker, this event is a massive undertaking that could not be done without the tremendous volunteer and community support of Hay River and the surrounding region. Hay River continues to show that they can support and host these types of events. I applaud you all. Special recognition goes to Tim Borchuk, JJ Hirst and Rachel Yee for leading this year's event.

Mr. Speaker, events like the Track and Field Championships encourage our youth to lead healthy and active life-styles which improve physical and mental well-being and ultimately the well-being of our communities.

I want to thank Members of this Assembly and those who have preceded us in supporting great sport, physical activity and recreation events across the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish the best of luck to all the athletes and coaches and that all participants will share in friendly, challenging and rewarding competitions and that the youth will benefit for years to come from the experiences and friendships they will find at the Northwest Territories Track and Field Championships.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker