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I understand the importance of trade. However there has to be a better understanding of the link between trade and human rights, particularly given that a month from now the world will be meeting in Vienna at a human rights conference, a conference at which China will be opposing any strengthening of human rights standards and mechanisms.

As a nation we should be saying to the business community that we will stand behind it if it ties trade to human rights. Reebok and Sears, Roebuck are to be commended for their efforts in this regard.

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SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, are Canadian businesses, including those in the service sector, trying harder? Recessions are painful for those who lose jobs and for business owners.

However, as a result Canadians have become more competitive, more productive and more service oriented. While our exports continue to surge to new records monthly, something else seems to be occurring on the home front. Businesses are offering greater warranties and guarantees and service has become the watchword of the day.

My congratulations to all involved in service industries, in wholesale and retail, and in manufacturing. They provide jobs for millions of Canadians. It is the result of their vision, their initiative and their industry that Canadians enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world.

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YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Madam Speaker, I will be rising later today to present a petition containing approximately 5,000 names which were gathered by two residents of Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, who are with us today in the gallery.

This petition, which calls for strengthening the provisions in the Young Offenders Act, came about after the son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford was viciously murdered in a Scarborough storm sewer by three young offenders. Crimes such as this must not be dealt with in a superficial way. Changes are needed in the legislation and needed today.

Canadians from every corner of the country have

called for changes for many years now and this government has failed on all accounts. I would like to call on the government, which indicated in the House on Wednesday that it might table a white paper on the Young Offenders Act, to stop its delaying tactics and use what time is left in the life of the session to table sensitive changes to the YOA. Failing this, I ask it to set up a public inquiry over the summer to let the people of this country have the opportunity to express their concerns over this flawed act.

The time for change is now.

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MICHAEL HO

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, this being National Access Awareness Week, in which you have shown special interest, I am pleased to rise today on behalf of the hon. member for Calgary West, as well as the members of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons, to recognize the recipient of the 1993-94 Centennial Flame Research Award, Mr. Michael Ho of Calgary, who is visiting us in Ottawa today. This award is funded by the coins thrown into the Centennial flame fountain.

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Mr. Ho, a lawyer who because of a head injury is no longer able to practise, has been active in organizations providing services to individuals with head injuries including the Head Injury Association of Alberta.

He is proposing to research the success stories of survivors of head injuries to serve as guiding lights for people dealing with this type of disability.

The main subject of his study will be Laurie Cormack, who not only experienced a head injury but has struggled with the trauma of being a battered wife.

It should also be recognized that Mr. Ho's contribution to Canada was acknowledged when he received the Canada 125 Award in 1992, as well as a personal testimonial from the Prime Minister which he received in 1989.