



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Dr. Colin Carrie Praises Local Hero Ben Caprio in House of Commons

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Ottawa, ON, April 1, 2014 – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, made the following statement in the House of Commons today on Ben Caprio from Oshawa who saved his father on March 30, 2014.

Mr. Speaker,

I am proud to stand up in the House today and honour eight year old Ben Caprio from Oshawa.

This past Sunday evening, Ben faced a very frightening situation when his father, Tony, collapsed from a severe epileptic seizure.

Ben's mother, Lori, was gone to work, and it was up to Ben to help save his father's life. When describing the event, Ben said:

"I was feeling panicky because my mom wasn't there...She taught me you can call 911... You don't have to be afraid."

Despite his fear, Ben directed emergency services to his south Oshawa home and stayed on the line with the attendant until they arrived.

Durham Police, who listened to the 911 recording, commented on how calm Ben was during the call. They described Ben's call as if he was "talking to his friends."

Because of Ben's composure, his father, Tony, is alive today.

After the frightening event, Tony said of Ben:

"I'm really proud of him...No one could ask for a better son."

Ben's calmness and swift action under such a frightening situation is an inspiration to all of Oshawa.

I would like to ask everyone here to stand with me today and honour Ben for his actions.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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