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Ms. Sylvia Jones: *I'm pleased to rise today and congratulate Linda Stahl and Stephanie McDonnell on the opening of their midwifery clinic this afternoon at the Headwaters Health Care Centre. Linda and Stephanie have been working very hard over the past two years to establish this clinic in the community.*

The midwifery clinic responds to the needs of families who have been travelling to Mississauga, Alliston and Guelph to receive the services of a midwife.

Midwives play an important role in providing care for families before and after the birth of their child. They provide prenatal care, can order blood work and ultrasounds, provide birthing care and monitor the health of mother and child for up to six weeks after birth. Their clinic will free up family doctors to perform non-obstetrical procedures, and since our community has been designated as an underserved area, the midwifery program is a welcome addition to ease the burden on our family physicians.

As Dufferin-Caledon continues to grow and more young families settle here, the midwifery program at Headwaters Health Care Centre will be a welcome addition. I want to thank Linda and Stephanie for all of their hard work to establish a clinic in our community.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sylvia Jones".

*Sylvia Jones, MPP
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