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### 39<sup>th</sup> Kinsmen Telemiracle

**Mr. Forbes:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to recognize Telemiracle 39 and that it took place in Saskatoon over this past weekend. And once again Saskatchewan people opened their hearts and their wallets by raising the remarkable sum of \$4,312,457. And Telemiracle has now raised a total of over \$105 million, all of which has gone to help people living with illness and disability. It's an incredible testament to the tremendous spirit of Saskatchewan people, the incredible generosity and the care we have for our neighbours.

This year's Telemiracle also marks the end of an era. The long-time Telemiracle host, Bob McGrath, announced yesterday that this year's telethon will be his last after leading 38 of the last 39 shows. Bob has done a remarkable job of hosting this yearly tradition and he certainly leaves big shoes to fill for the next host.

Incoming Telemiracle Chair Todd Bedore announced on Saturday night the launch of a new website to collect the stories of people whose lives have been affected by funds raised at the telethon. The stories will be shared through commercials and social media posts throughout the year to promote Telemiracle 2016.

I ask all members to join me in thanking Bob McGrath for his years of service to Telemiracle and his incredible contributions to our province.

And I also ask all members to join me in congratulating Telemiracle Chairperson Bonnie Ireland, all of the Kinsmen and Kinettes, and all the Saskatchewan people who helped make this year's telethon another great success. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.