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Living in Harmony Awards

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was able to attend Saskatoon's Living in Harmony Recognition, Art, and Literary Awards ceremony presented by the city of Saskatoon's cultural diversity and race relations advisory committee on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The annual Living in Harmony Awards recognize local organizations or individuals for their efforts in promoting intercultural harmony in our community and for going above and beyond the call of duty to promote co-operation and understanding between cultures.

Winners include the staff at Vincent Massey Community School, who have been incredible leaders. And for this they received the Community Recognition Award for their efforts.

Each year the school hosts a cultural festival where each class presents the food, clothing, and customs of many different cultures. And this year, they also held a large powwow with hundreds of people in attendance.

Mr. Speaker, Tanya Dunn-Pierce of Saskatoon Health Region won an award for her effort in promoting a more representative workforce, and in the Art category, Carl Songco from Brownell School. And Marione Pangilinan and Mehar Un-Nisa of Royal West Campus took home awards, as did Shaye Currie of Wildwood School, and an entire class at Alvin Buckwold School for their literary contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating these Living in Harmony Award winners and thank them for dedicating their time and efforts to making Saskatoon a more welcoming place for everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.