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Rex the hero dog – Purina’s Animal Hall of Fame

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to rise to recognize the heroic actions of Rex, the eight-year-old Alaskan malamute German shepherd cross from Aberdeen, Saskatchewan who has recently been honoured with induction into the Purina Animal Hall of Fame as one of 2016’s Canada animal heroes. Rex selflessly put his life on the line to ensure the safety of his owner’s mother, Noreen Hawman, who was visiting her family in Aberdeen this past Christmas Eve when her son Mitch’s house started on fire while Noreen slept on the couch, medicated and recovering from a bout of pneumonia.

Rex, seeing the flames, recognized that Noreen was in imminent danger and tried to wake her by barking and nudging her with his snout. When his attempts failed, Rex leapt into action and grabbed her pajama bottoms with his teeth and dragged her off the couch and across the room towards the exit. When Noreen woke and was able to grasp the horrific situation surrounding her, she quickly grabbed what little she could salvage and escaped to safety with Rex by her side.

Dogs provide their owners with comfort and companionship, unconditional and unwavering. Their loyalty to their family is evident through their protective nature and Rex embodies this protective nature explicitly.

Mr. Speaker, I call on all members to recognize and celebrate heroic actions of this brave canine.

Good dog, Rex.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.