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Saskatchewan Intercultural Association Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On September 12th, I, along with the member from Saskatoon Southeast, had the pleasure to attend the 50th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association. The celebration involved a delicious multicultural supper, unveiling of their new logo, and some great live entertainment by Delhi 2 Dublin. It was a fun night, and it's so important to celebrate the incredible work of SIA [Saskatchewan Intercultural Association] over the past 50 years.

SIA took time to recognize those who made an outstanding contribution to our community. They were: for volunteerism and leadership, Peter Sen; for language and education, Eleanor Shia; arts and culture, Terri Rau; intercultural relations, Ila Sarkar; organizational work, Nayyar Javed.

Mr. Speaker, the SIA is a non-profit organization that provides services for immigrants and refugees in Saskatoon. Their vision is to “. . . [make] a difference by upholding human dignity and promoting harmony among all people,” and their mission is “To recognize and support the right of every cultural group and individual to retain and develop their distinctive cultural identity, language and arts without political or social impediment — for the mutual benefit of all citizens.” SIA has clients from over 50 different countries and run a number of different employment programs, education programs, and performing arts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join with me in thanking SIA for all the very important work they do in Saskatoon and congratulate them on 50 years. We hope to see their work continue for another 50 years and more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.