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### Saskatonian honoured at Breaking the Silence Conference

**Mr. Forbes:** Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of attending the 17th annual Breaking the Silence conference at the University of Saskatchewan this weekend. It was a fun and informative weekend focused on issues of sexual orientation and gender expression in our schools.

Each year at the conference, a person or organization that has had a long-term impact on social justice for sexual minorities is honoured with the Peter Corren Award for Outstanding Achievement. This year the award honoured Don Cochrane, professor emeritus at the U of S and the organizer of the first Breaking the Silence conference in 1998.

Mr. Speaker, it was moving to hear the words of Murray Corren on why Don Cochrane was so deserving of this award, and I quote:

The Breaking the Silence conference would have never happened and grown year after year if it had not been for Don Cochrane. He has inspired and motivated people to become involved and provided them with outstanding leadership that is necessary for such an achievement not only to survive, but to grow and mature into the extraordinary event that it is today. I can think of no more deserving recipient for the Peter Corren award, and I'm delighted Don's tireless efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication are finally being recognized and celebrated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Don Cochrane for his very deserving receipt of the Peter Corren Award for Outstanding Achievement. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.