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Ânskohk Aboriginal Literature Festival

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last weekend Saskatoon hosted the Ânskohk Aboriginal Literature Festival. The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Writers Circle started this annual event in 2004. The event was hosted in partnership with the Saskatchewan Writers Guild and the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network.

Mr. Speaker, this event is one of only two literacy festivals of its kind in all of Canada.

Festivals like this one make it possible to bring Aboriginal authors from all across Canada to educate the public on the richness of Aboriginal literacy and to promote further understanding of Aboriginal people.

Special guests include a legendary country singer, Sylvia Tyson; Darren Prefontaine, winner of the 2011 Book of the Year Award for Saskatchewan Book Awards; and John Lagimodiere, publisher and editor of Eagle Feather News; past poet laureate of Saskatchewan, Louise Halfe; and Curtis Peeteetuce, artistic director of Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company.

On behalf of the NDP [New Democratic Party] caucus, I ask all members of this legislature to join me in congratulating the organizers of this very successful event. I'm proud of the talent we have in this province, and I thank Ânskohk Aboriginal Literature Festival for showcasing this talent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.