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Avenue Community Centre Awards

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on June 8th this year, the Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity held its annual Affinity Credit Union Community Service Awards.

Through these awards, the Avenue Community Centre recognizes those who've made a significant contribution to the growth and development of a strong, vibrant, and healthy queer in Saskatoon and area community.

This year two youth were presented with Community Service Youth Awards for their outstanding community work — Chance Briere and Humboldt Magnussen. There were also two winners of the Community Service Award — Trish Salah and Jim Komar.

The Special Merit Awards were presented to Festivale Photomedia and Fran Forsberg. A special award was also given to Garnet Woloschuk to recognize his 15 years of great work at the Avenue Community Centre.

Mr. Speaker, October has been named Queer History Month. Started in 1994 in the United States, a high school teacher decided a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history. LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender] History Month now provides positive role models, builds healthy communities, and recognizes extraordinary national, international contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating these people who continue to work for justice, respect, and equal rights in our communities. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.