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### **International Co-operative Alliance Youth Arts Contest**

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently the International Co-operative Alliance held a youth arts contest entitled Co-op Art in honour of the United Nation's International Year of the Co-operatives. The ICA [International Co-operative Alliance] is an independent, non-governmental organization that unites, represents, and serves co-operatives worldwide.

The contest was open to people aged 16 to 35 which aim to raise awareness of young people through photography, video, and music. Out of 35 countries that participated, 174 submissions were sent in, and Canada had four finalists. Among the four finalists was Emily Erhardt who is the Saskatchewan Co-operative Youth Program alumnus, coming in second place for her rap song, "Join a Co-op."

Winners of each category won a trip to the Co-operatives United Conference in Manchester, United Kingdom as well as \$3,500. Second place winners won \$1,500 and third place entrants received a tablet computer. Charles Gould, the director general of the ICA, praised the high quality of work that he saw in all the submissions. He felt they reflected a true depiction of global representation of the positivity that co-operatives can bring to the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me today in thanking the ICA for organizing such a great event to bring out such a diverse array of talent, especially Emily on her competition. Thank you.