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**STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS**

**The Speaker:** — I recognize the member from Saskatoon Centre.

**Celebrating Sexual Diversity**

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This past Friday, April 18 the Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity in Saskatoon held its annual gala, Carnevale 2008. My colleague from Saskatoon Meewasin and I were able to attend this wonderful evening as both the everyday contributions of the Avenue Community Centre and some very good people who stand up daily for sexual diversity in Saskatchewan were celebrated.

Glen Horton, a long-time volunteer at the centre and a member of the Bridge City Chorus received a well-deserved Community Service Award. He is well known for helping out in the background, but perhaps more importantly for his work on the support phone line, a very critical service in the LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender] community.

Jennifer Brockman from Prince Albert also received the Community Service Award, actively involved in the Prince Albert queer community. She was instrumental in bringing about Prince Albert's first Pride Parade. She also helped establish the Two Spirits of the North group.

Special Merit Awards went to M.A.C. [Make-up Art Cosmetics Inc.] AIDS [acquired immune deficiency syndrome] Walk for Life team. The staff at M.A.C. cosmetics is the biggest supporter of the annual AIDS Walk for Life event, so this merit award is very well deserved.

Diva's Gender Bender Players, a local queer performance art group, were also recognized for their outstanding community work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating these groups, Glen, and Jennifer for their outstanding contribution in celebrating our sexual diversity and making Saskatchewan a great place to be.

Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!