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## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

### Crocus Co-op Celebrates Anniversary

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Friday, Crocus Co-op in Saskatoon celebrated its 25th anniversary by hosting a very special luncheon. My colleagues from Riversdale and Meewasin and I were able to take part in the celebrations. Members, friends, and supporters recall the journey Crocus has taken over the past 25 years. One special speaker, Dianne Billings, the first female president, talked fondly of the challenges Crocus overcame to be what it is today.

Crocus Co-op, a non-profit, charitable, member-guided organization, works on behalf of people recovering from mental illness by promoting their rights and responsibilities; providing a safe, accepting, drop-in environment; and promoting members growth through vocational, educational, recreational, and social programs.

Crocus is a place where staff and members can work and play together in a non-judgmental environment. It's a place where members can find companionship, understanding, and support. It's a place to learn, work, and heal.

The transitional work program is the real heart of the rehabilitation strategy at Crocus. Suitable employment tops the unmet needs of the membership, putting real money into their pockets, and it brings the dignity of earning your own way.

Crocus is proud to have served our community for the past 25 years and looks forward to continuing to be an important link in helping to banish the stigma associated with mental health and to provide help to successfully recover from mental illness. I ask all members to join me in congratulating Crocus Co-op on their 25th anniversary.

Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — hear, hear!