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### STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

#### Saskatoon Firm Wins Environmental Leadership Award

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask all members to join me in recognizing Jim Finnigan of Digital Environmental, Saskatoon, for winning the SEIMA [Saskatchewan Environmental Industry and Managers Association] award for environmental leadership this year.

Jim moved to Saskatchewan in 1978 to complete a graduate degree in archaeology, and as he says, forgot to go back to Alberta. Originally working with the Saskatchewan Research Council, Jim created Digital Environmental in 1995, a firm specializing in satellite imagery and remote sensing.

Digital Environmental supplies most of the satellite imagery used here in Saskatchewan. They have mapped Saskatchewan's forests for forest fire purposes and now they are mapping all of Saskatchewan's pasture land. They have had project support from the Canadian and European space agencies and will be one of the first recipients of RADARSAT-2 data this summer. In the past, Digital, they have brought delegations from China, Israel, Nigeria, and Poland to work in this province and they are currently doing a research project on rice fields in the Philippines.

Digital Environmental have offices in Alberta and Manitoba, with plans to expand into northwestern Ontario, but their head office remains in Saskatoon.

Now Jim has worked hard to grow SEIMA. He continues to serve on the executive and is a supporter of SEIMA's efforts in promoting innovation and expertise, and many of us may have met him last night at their reception.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Jim and all the folks at Digital in Saskatoon. I wish them the very best. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!.