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AIRDRIE'S CENTURY OF SUCCESS CELEBRATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Blake Richards, the Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, rose in the House of Commons today to congratulate the City of Airdrie on its upcoming centennial year anniversary, and to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers who have organized months of activities to mark the milestone.

"A lot of hard work by a group of devoted community volunteers has gone into planning a lineup of centennial year events in Airdrie and I wanted the country to know about it," Richards said.

Airdrie was declared a village on September 10, 1909, decades after the first homesteaders arrived to carve out the first settlements of what would one day grow into a prosperous prairie city. Richards called Airdrie's 100 years of history "a success story" about a community that started humbly and has grown through hard work and a pioneer spirit to become one of Canada's fast-growing cities.

Centennial festivities started earlier this year and will continue with events planned right through to the fall.

"Our Conservative government has granted \$38,500 towards the 100th anniversary celebrations in Airdrie and I am looking forward to attending the great lineup of events," Richards said.

A complete list of community centennial events can be viewed online at www.airdrie.ca/cent.

Video of Richards' statement in the House of Commons can be viewed online under the 'Speeches' tab at www.blakerichards.ca.

The following is the text of M.P. Richards' statement:

- **Mr. Speaker, the City of Airdrie – the community that I am proud to call home – is celebrating its centennial on September 10th of this year.**
- **Airdrie is proud of its 100 years of progress and has certainly come a long way since the first homesteaders arrived to begin building a community that has now become one of Canada's fastest-growing cities.**
- **Mr. Speaker, the celebration of this heritage has already begun.**

- Centennial events have been ongoing for months and will only intensify in September with a homecoming weekend, concerts, historical re-enactments and a Centennial Legacy Art Project unveiling, among many other events.
- Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating the City of Airdrie - and the organizing committee that has pulled together months of great community events - on the occasion of the centennial anniversary. I know that Airdrie will enjoy even greater prosperity in the next 100 years ahead!

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