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stronger and more united country. I would urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to reconsider his discriminatory and divisive action and withdraw his letter to the Premiers.

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MANLEY, GLOUCESTER'S PRIDE AND JOY

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, on Saturday night, February 27, 1988, at the Saddledome in Calgary, during the magnificent Fifteenth Winter Games, a small part of Canada and a major part of Gloucester took a giant step forward on a silver podium.

Katarina Witt of East Germany and Debi Thomas of the U.S.A. shared opposite interpretations of *Carmen*, but the bubbly little bouncer from Gloucester, our Elizabeth Manley, stole the show. From the first flick of her blades to her last triple jump she was bold, brave, and beautiful. She whittled down from fourth, to third, to second for Canada's second silver medal of the games.

I am certain that not only this House of Parliament but millions of homes in Canada share my pride and pleasure in saying "Liz, you were sterling". Congratulations!

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ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

STATUS OF JAMES BAY AND NORTHERN QUÉBEC AGREEMENT

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada's efforts to block approval by the United Nations Human Rights Commission of certain resolutions regarding indigenous rights and indigenous peoples have taken a rather astonishing turn. In a statement delivered by the Canadian observer delegation last Friday, Canada asserts that the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement is not a treaty.

Incredibly the Government of Canada appears to have forgotten the provisions of its own Constitution. The Constitution says:

The existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed.

The Constitution goes on to say:

For greater certainty—treaty rights includes rights that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired.

The James Bay and Northern Québec agreement is a land claims agreement constitutionally recognized and confirmed. It is a modern treaty. Canada's attempts to deny the treaty status of this agreement are unacceptable and misleading.

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THANKS, CALGARY!

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, as a Canadian, I am filled with pride in the dazzling success of the Fifteenth Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.

During 16 days of sports feats and festivities, the whole world met in Canada. The City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta and Canada gave the world an exceptionally warm welcome. The athletes have performed superbly. The incredible facilities built in Alberta will be used by our future Olympic champions and are at the disposal of all Canadians.

Everyone will share in the grandiose success of the Olympics. We can only expect positive fall-outs.

Millions of Canadian men and women were moved as I was myself yesterday evening while watching on television the extinguishing of the Olympic Flame in Calgary.

What wonderful moments we have lived during these 16 days! Thousands of cheers to the athletes and to all those who have, directly or indirectly, contributed to that fantastic celebration.

In Canada, we have achieved national reconciliation. Now, it is to all peoples of the world to search for international reconciliation.

Thanks, Calgary!

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPETITORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PEOPLE OF CALGARY

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, Canadians can be proud of the Olympic Games which have just ended in Calgary. We say farewell to 16 days of exquisite athletic competition and achievement at the Fifteenth Winter Olympic Games. I believe Canadians can be particularly proud of the performances of Karen Percy, Brian Orser, Tracy Wilson, Robert McCall and the many other competitors who, whether their participation results were big or small, conducted themselves with grace and style and so often achieved their personal best.

As a native of Ottawa I am especially proud of the achievement of Ottawa's own figure skater, Elizabeth Manley, who captured all our hearts when she won the silver medal in a dazzling effort this past Saturday evening.