

these veterans are still around. Why should their contribution be ignored?

Sydney Oxenham, a constituent of mine, retired recently as Deputy Fire Marshall after 40 years of service. He received his medal, but he cannot wear it proudly standing beside older veterans who have been denied this recognition. He has, therefore, chosen to return it.

It is not the practice to give awards retroactively, but for once let us bend the rules and give the few remaining senior firefighters the honour they deserve.

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THE BUDGET

BENEFITS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMS IN P.E.I.

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, Canadians, and indeed Prince Edward Islanders, deserve more respect from the Minister of National Defence. In his response to a question asked by my colleague, the Member for Malpeque (Ms. Callbeck), last Friday, he referred to the fact that men and women who serve in the military should not be located in regions of Canada solely for the sake of economic development. Prince Edward Island is still one of the ten provinces of Canada, having joined Confederation in 1873.

The White Paper on defence, tabled by the Minister's Department, highlights the great contribution that defence expenditures make to all sectors of Canadian society. The White Paper also notes how defence programs make a significant contribution to overcoming regional economic disparities, and that defence dollars have strengthened local and regional economies.

Economic disparities abound in P.E.I. Defence dollars should remain in P.E.I. so that they may strengthen our already weak economy.

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CANADIAN CENTRE OF ARCHITECTURE

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS LAMBERT

Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in Montreal a number of individuals, including the Prime Minister and the Premier of Québec paid tribute to Mrs. Phyllis Lambert, an architect, at the opening of the Canadian Centre of Architecture, a museum dedicated to architecture and architectural history.

The \$45 million centre, to which the Canadian and Quebec governments contributed \$4 million each, is unique, Mr. Speaker. It is to be noted that Mrs. Lambert, well known for her battles to preserve Montreal's architectural heritage, personally donated \$27 million for that important achievement.

As mentioned by the Prime Minister, everyone in this House must recognize Mrs. Lambert's relentlessness, generosity and patriotism.

Mr. Speaker, this centre is not only a historic place, it is first and foremost a tool for our future.

I say bravo to Mrs. Lambert, a great Canadian we are all very proud of!

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EXTERNAL AID

CANADA-TANZANIA WHEAT PROGRAM

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, in response to criticism of massive budget cuts to Canada's foreign aid, the Minister of External Relations said we will have to place a greater emphasis on the quality of projects while accepting the reduction in the quantity of dollars going to crucial international development work.

The Canada-Tanzania Wheat Program adds to the sullied credibility of all this Government's statements regarding foreign aid. This program has been roundly criticized over the past three years. Yet the Government continues to send millions of dollars to support it. The Program violates at least three fundamental CIDA criteria. It is environmentally disastrous, supporting monocropping which leads to land degradation. It encourages the forced eviction of the pastoralist Barabaig people, the poorest of the poor, with brutal human rights consequences. Rather than encouraging self-reliance, it has created dependency.

This Government cannot be believed regarding its statements about the quantity of international assistance, nor its bland assurances of their quality.