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**MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

Hon. Gord Mackintosh, MLA St. Johns

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's High School

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to share with all Members of the House an important announcement. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the oldest high school in Winnipeg, St. John's High.

Originally known as St. John's Technical High School, the first classes were temporarily held in 1910 at Luxton School with only 98 students and four teachers, while construction was completed in 1912 on its own facility at Church and Salter.

Numerous graduates have left remarkable footprints in the history of St. John's High School and Winnipeg's North End. The Honour Rolls dedicated to the several hundred alumni who gave their lives in World War I and II still stand. Many St. John's graduates who entered into culture, politics, arts and entertainment, sports, writing and community service have become famous nationally and internationally. Fourteen recipients of the Order of Canada attended St. John's High. The unique blend of graduates is part of the enduring character that makes St. John's an icon in our city.

Currently, St. John's High has over 1,100 students enrolled in grades seven through 12, and 76 teaching staff. The school offers numerous programs and services, including a Teen Health Clinic, homework clubs, a breakfast and lunch program, a School Resource Officer, and community liaison services. Its 30-some sports teams rally to the cheer of "Go Tigers go!" at numerous events. Tiger Pride has spread from the school and into the surrounding community.

I would like to acknowledge those in attendance today from St. John's High, the reunion chairs Brian Burdy and Carole Kurdydyk and their committee along with Principal Linda Bulka and Vice Principals Dennis Mogg and Cathy Sharrow. I wish them much success in planning the festivities to celebrate the reunion this June 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to attending the reunion's gala dinner at the Convention Centre on the Saturday evening to chat with the many alumni spanning the decades of the school's history who will be there reconnecting with their classmates and friends from their high school days.

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Hon. Gord Mackintosh

