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Introduction of Guests

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**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose.

**Mr. Bhullar:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to introduce to you and through you to members of this Assembly six talented Alberta members of the Canadian team competing at WorldSkills Calgary 2009.

The 2009 WorldSkills competition being held September 1 to 7 will feature about 1,000 competitors from 51 countries in 45 Skills competitions.

Students from across the world will compete in trades and technology skills areas like website design, welding, cooking, and automobile technology.

The Alberta competitors are joined today by their trainers and their employers, who played a key role in helping them reach their goals at the Canadian Skills competition earlier this year and who continue to help train them to develop the right skills, knowledge, and expertise for the WorldSkills competition next year.

As a founding partner of Skills Canada Alberta 16 years ago the Alberta government is very proud to partner with Skills/Compétences Canada, Skills Canada Alberta, WorldSkills Calgary 2009, the government of Canada, and the city of Calgary to host this international competition.

Alberta members of Team Canada specialize in trades and technology occupations and will compete in autobody repair, industrial control, car painting, electrical installations, IT PC network support, painting and decorating, and sheet metal technology.

Every Alberta member of Team Canada will have the opportunity to demonstrate their personal excellence and showcase the trades and technology talent in Alberta.

I'm certain each competitor and trainer will do a fine job of representing their technical training institution, employer, community, Alberta, and Canada.

I invite each competitor to stand as I call your name, and I ask my colleagues to hold their applause until everyone has been introduced.

With us today are Devon DeBoer, Steven Dingwall, Tiffany Vandermey, and Brad Chyz of Calgary, Craig Spady of Red Deer, and Daniel Green of Drumheller. Unable to join us today is a seventh member, Matthew Chaddar of Millarville.

I congratulate all of these exceptional Albertans for their achievements and thank the industry experts and employers who help train our youth every day.

I would also ask their trainers as well as members of WorldSkills Calgary, Skills Canada Alberta, and Skills/Compétences Canada to stand and receive the traditional warm welcome of this Assembly.