



## Shumka Dancers - 50th Year

**Mr. Speaker,**

In 1959, a new Edmonton Dance Ensemble burst forth in a cascade of wonderful colour and folkloric song celebrating their Ukrainian cultural heritage and traditions.

In Kyiv at the historic Opera Theatre, I proudly watched Edmonton's finest ambassadors perform "Cinderella" after they returned from a widely acclaimed tour of other Ukrainian cities. Their extensive repertoire of original, imaginative dance pieces have universal themes which are meaningful and entertaining to audiences of all backgrounds.

As Member of Parliament for Edmonton East and vice-chair of the Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Group, I sincerely wish to congratulate all members past and present as Canada's Ukrainian Shumka Dancers of Edmonton celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have epitomized the finest of Canadian cultural heritage to Ukraine, to the world, but most of all to Canada.

**Многая літа!**



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