

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

The **SPEAKER (Hon. D.R. Cregan)** took the chair at 11:00.

The SPEAKER: Honourable members, we acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to elders both past and present.

The SPEAKER read prayers.

Address to His Majesty the King

DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND ACCESSION OF KING CHARLES III

Message from Governor

The Governor informs the House of Assembly that she has learned with the deepest regret that our late Most Gracious Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, passed away at Balmoral Castle, United Kingdom, on the 8th day of September 2022.

The Governor further informs the House of Assembly that on the 11th day of September 2022, His Majesty King Charles the Third was duly and lawfully proclaimed King of Australia and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

Parliamentary Procedure

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:03): I move:

That without notice standing orders be and remain so far suspended as to enable a motion for an address to His Majesty the King be moved forthwith and be completed in lieu of question time.

The SPEAKER: An absolute majority is required; count the house. An absolute majority is present.

An absolute majority of the whole number of members being present:

Motion carried.

Address to His Majesty the King

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (11:04): I move:

That the following address to the King be adopted—

To His Most Excellent Majesty King Charles III:

We the members of the House of Assembly of South Australia in parliament assembled take this earliest opportunity of expressing our deep sympathy in the great sorrow which Your Majesty and members of the royal family have sustained through the death of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, who was loved for the grace, devotion and steadfast resolve displayed over her reign of 70 years.

We acknowledge and pay tribute to Her Majesty's lifetime of dedicated service and our gratitude at the commitment she made to the people of South Australia and the commonwealth.

We also offer our sincere congratulations on Your Majesty's accession to the throne and to express the hope that Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign.

This is the first sitting of our parliament under the new King, and it is fitting that we should mark this occasion by reflecting upon the legacy of our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Her devotion to duty and her love of country are an inspiration to us all. While we mourn together, we also share a moment of reflection on her extraordinary life and legacy of service.

Following the funeral proceedings that have taken place in the United Kingdom overnight, we grieve her loss along with her family, her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren and the nation that she led with grace, dignity and determination for so long. Many South Australians are mourning today along with the people of the United Kingdom.

Just reflect for a moment on the ceremony we witnessed last night. It was her final gift to us, to bring the world together one last time. It has been estimated that over four billion people watched her funeral, making it the most viewed event in human history, even surpassing the Moon landing. No matter your feelings on the monarchy, we can all recognise how unique and valuable it is for the planet to share this experience. It is both wonderful and rare in these often disconnected and divided times.

Elizabeth was not strictly born to be Queen. The next in line to the throne was her uncle, King Edward VIII. It was only upon his abdication in 1936 that his brother Albert, Elizabeth's father, succeeded him to become King George VI, thus did the then nine year old suddenly find herself next in the line of succession.

Her own elevation to the Crown came at the age of 25, while she was in a remote part of Kenya carrying out commonwealth diplomatic duties on behalf of her father, who was in the final stages of his battle with lung cancer. In fact, she and her new husband, Philip, were on their way to visit Australia as part of what was intended as a six-month tour of commonwealth countries. But events were to overtake them in the most dramatic of ways when King George peacefully passed away in his sleep on 6 February 1952.

A message from the palace was immediately dispatched to the princess, but it took some time to reach her at the Treetops Hotel, where, the legend goes, 'A princess went up the tree and came down a queen.' In these days of immediate communication, it is incredible to reflect on the fact that Elizabeth was the Queen of the British commonwealth for several hours before she was even aware of the fact.

Just think for a moment what it must have been like to be on the other side of the world and simultaneously discover that your beloved father has passed away and that you are now the figurehead of both your nation and a globe-spanning empire—such a young woman, mourning such a profound loss so very far from her home, yet she shouldered that awesome responsibility before her and carried it for another 70 years, the longest reign of any British monarch.

For seven decades, Her Majesty has been a constant in our national lives and a quiet constitutional certainty in the political rough-and-tumble of our representative democracy. For most Australians, she is the only sovereign they have ever known. She was the first and only reigning monarch to stand on Australian soil, ever. But I believe our connection goes deeper than that. In some ways, the story of our Queen is also the story of our modern Australia.

On her accession to the throne, Queen Elizabeth II embodied the hard-won postwar stability that followed our most devastating global conflict—a calming and reassuring presence that seemed to confirm that the privations and suffering of wartime were behind us and that a future of peace, prosperity and civility lay ahead. That was the case in South Australia, perhaps more than any other place in the commonwealth, where there was an indelible sense of opportunity and possibility in the air, and that future was being built upon a political foundation that seemed equally enduring.

At a national level, Australia was four years into the second prime ministership of Robert Menzies, our longest serving Prime Minister, who would hold that position for yet another 13 years. In our own state, Thomas Playford was midway through his 26 years as Premier, serving the longest term of leadership of any Australian politician before or since.

With such familiar, recognisable figures at every position of leadership, there was an understandable and welcome sense of security in our state. Even when both leaders left their posts in the mid-sixties—Playford losing the 1965 election to Don Dunstan and Menzies bequeathing the Liberal Party leadership to his Treasurer, Harold Holt, the following year—our monarch remained, unchanged and unchanging. But the state changed around her, as she saw with her own eyes through her many visits to our state.

Her first as our monarch came in March 1954, less than a year after her coronation. Her arrival at Parafield Airport was greeted by a crowd of 200,000 people. If that sounds incredible, an estimated 300,000 people lined the streets for the royal progress through Adelaide the very following day—a number which represented almost two-thirds of the entire state's population at the time, just shy of 500,000 people in 1954.

The adoring crowds brought our city to a standstill. That love was reflected in the decision to name our planned satellite city in her honour, and Elizabeth still proudly bears her name. In 1963, the Queen and Prince Philip returned and had the opportunity to visit the township and the General Motors Holden plant, which was the region's major employer, of course.

They returned in 1977 to take a somewhat drizzly stroll with Premier Don Dunstan along our city's new Rundle Mall and to officially open the Festival Theatre before visiting the rolling landscapes of the Barossa. Aside from a brief trip to inspect the troops at the Edinburgh RAAF Base in 1981, the next Adelaide sojourn was in 1986 when the Queen and her Prince visited Port Adelaide, went south to the new Aberfoyle Park High School and also journeyed to the growing industrial powerhouse of Whyalla.

A flying visit to open the Lion Arts Centre on North Terrace followed in 1992, and then 10 years later the Queen and Prince Philip made their final visit to Adelaide, taking in Tanunda and the Barossa Valley. On each occasion, Adelaide and South Australians made our sovereign feel welcome, turning out in the thousands—indeed, in the tens of thousands. On each occasion, the sovereign was welcomed.

I have been privileged to see many South Australians share their personal reminiscences of the Queen's visits on social media. A few quotes stand out as an example, including this one from Dianna Bassani:

I met and had a conversation with the Queen when I was young. As she approached me I felt her calm and loving energy. I've never forgotten her kindness.

Here is another from Tina Bambery:

I was among the thousands of schoolchildren in 1954 who were taken to the parade ground at the Showgrounds. A bus brought us from Williamstown to this amazing event. I have loved her ever since and admired her for her unstoppable dedication to her calling.

To quote Brenton Chomel:

I'm proud to live in a city named after her.

And, in a particular tribute to our new sovereign, Craig Carmody said:

I once gifted Prince Charles a packet of Tim Tams.

Our monarch was also celebrated for her unexpected wit. Once, famously, when her security detail tried to create more layers of protection between her and a particularly enthusiastic crowd, she waved them away with a quip, 'I have to be seen to be believed.'

Over the course of her visits, our Queen saw the development of modern South Australia, a proud, ambitious state leading the way in the nation and in the world, a state increasingly comfortable in exercising its own independence and asserting its own identity. We have much to thank her for and her loss will be felt throughout our state, our country, the commonwealth and liberal democracies around the world.

The respect we had for the Queen was reciprocated in her respect for us. She is part of us and we are part of her. We honour those decades of steadfast, unfaltering service in these chambers today as we mark this seismic change to our nation's constitutional landscape. This is a time to mourn the end of the second Elizabethan age, even as we welcome our new sovereign, King Charles III. The state over which he now reigns is a very different one from the South Australia of 1954 and part of a very different world.

We wish our new King well as he takes on his new duties and responsibilities, even as we bid farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was a true friend to South Australia and South Australians. We shall honour her memory and her legacy. God save the King.

The Hon. D.J. SPEIRS (Black—Leader of the Opposition) (11:17): On behalf of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in South Australia, and on behalf of the constituents I am privileged to represent in Adelaide's southern suburbs, it is with both sadness and genuine joy for a life well lived that today I make a contribution on this condolence motion recognising the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

I make this contribution with sadness because a great leader, who seemed like she would always be present in our lives, has suddenly gone. Despite her great age, there is no doubt some sense of shock that she has passed and her era has concluded. I also make this contribution with genuine joy because Queen Elizabeth fulfilled her duties well and lived a long, fruitful life, leaving an immense legacy across the globe in a way that saw her almost universally loved and respected.

When giving these speeches one can be wary about repetition, using words and phrases that have been used again and again during this mourning period, but perhaps repetition is acceptable at these times. It is reflective of Queen Elizabeth's contribution and character that words like 'steadfast', 'constant', 'dutiful' and 'loyal' have been used continually in recent days as people from all walks of life have sought to describe what she meant to them. I suspect, and respect, that many of these words will be used here today and that repetition is not a bad thing.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on 21 April 1926 in Mayfair, London. She died at the age of 96 at Balmoral in her beloved Scotland on 8 September 2022, having reigned as Queen for 70 years and six months. Her official title here was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth. More than any other monarch from any other nation at any other point in our history, she was the Queen, internationally recognised and her position widely understood: a figurehead, a leader, an adviser and an institution.

She was also of course a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother, and a corgi owner and a horse owner. Her adoration of her family and her pets could never be understated. Their love for her has been on full public display over recent days. Something that is hard for us to understand, something that cannot necessarily be easy, is to grieve in the limelight, but for better or worse, it is part of it all.

Queen Elizabeth's stability at the head of our system of government has been pivotal for our success as the State of South Australia and as a nation. South Australia held a special place in the heart of the Queen, and the Queen held a special place in ours. This was evident even back on 23 March 1954, when the Queen graciously opened a special session of our parliament with an uplifting vision for the future of South Australia. It was evident in each of her subsequent visits to our state in 1963, 1977, 1981, 1986, 1992 and most recently in 2002, her golden jubilee year, when she told us at the Adelaide Festival Centre:

Whatever may lie ahead, I declare here tonight that my admiration, affection and regard for the people of Australia will remain, as it has been over these past 50 years, constant, sure and true.

In recent days, some of you may have heard me recall my own story of meeting the Queen. That occurred in June 2010. I had the great privilege through my association with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award to represent Australia at a youth leadership forum, hosted on the Windsor estate in England. As part of that—an unofficial part of the program, in fact—there was an opportunity to take part in a church service at the Royal Chapel of All Saints at Windsor Great Park. About half the group of those attending said they would; the other half said they would spend a bit more time in bed on that Sunday morning.

We were not aware of who would be attending this service in a small, humble chapel in the grounds of Windsor Castle. After the service, it was revealed to us that sitting off in a hidden chapel to the side was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As we exited the church—and it was a beautiful sunny day and the sky was blue—the Queen was waiting to greet us. She was a small lady, about the height of the statue over there in Government House, which many of you have seen.

She was smiling, and she spoke to each one of us individually about where we were from, why we were there, what country we were representing. I told her I was representing Australia. She was confused. I explained, and we spoke about both Scotland and Australia for the rest of the

conversation. At the end, she opened her handbag, she took out her keys, she jumped in her car and she drove home for Sunday lunch. She drove; the security detail got in the seat beside her.

The Queen's normality in that moment was as comforting as her position as monarch was overwhelming. That enduring personal normality, which seems to have diluted the barriers that inevitably exist between a monarchy and its people, seems to be one of the things that so endeared the Queen to people.

For the past week, a book of condolence has sat in my electorate office at Hallett Cove. I have to admit to having been somewhat taken aback by the number of locals who have steadily streamed through the door to write their thoughts, memories and feelings following Queen Elizabeth's passing. I am sure that many of those here today in the House of Assembly would have experienced similar things in their offices. Going through some of these messages, I saw Sally Johnson's from Hallett Cove:

Thank you from one of the mums of one of the last Queen's Scouts. Now you can rest. Yours in Scouting.

Arul Mylvaganam from Hallett Cove says:

To me our Queen epitomised dignity, decorum, grace, wit and true beauty. My earliest and most endearing memory is of pledging allegiance to my Queen. Her commitment to duty never ceased to inspire me and countless millions who loved her. Thank you for your service to us all ma'am. May you Rest In Peace.

Martin Schumacher from Trott Park says:

Well done good and faithful servant...What you said, what you left unsaid, all that you stood for, your faith in our Lord, your family, your people, has become a wonderful example to all of us. All your burdens are lifted as you now rest in God's arms.

Margaret Greenhalgh from Seacliff says:

I was at the Coronation, sitting out for two days and one night. I have seen the Queen five times and I say prayers for her safe keeping.

It is interesting that in quite a number of the written condolences the Queen's unwavering Christian faith is highlighted. Accounts of those close to the Queen suggest that her faith went far beyond the duty and protocol that come with being the head of the Church of England. Her famous annual Christmas messages were often peppered with scripture and with Christ's teachings. In one of these messages, she said:

Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.

It was a theme that she would return to, describing her faith as her anchor, and most notably in a speech at Lambeth Palace in 2012 where she said:

The Church of England has a duty to protect the free practice of all faiths in this country.

She used her faith and these teachings to encourage others and frame many of her public statements at difficult times. In the Queen's 2020 Easter message, delivered as the COVID-19 pandemic raged across the world, she referred to the Easter story when she said:

As dark as death can be—particularly for those suffering with grief—light and life are greater.

Queen Elizabeth, many are grieving your loss, but you were filled with light and your life was great. In the words of Paul the Apostle, as written to Timothy:

You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith.

Vale, Queen Elizabeth II, and God save the King.

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (11:27): I rise in support of the motion to His Majesty the King. At the proclamation of the monarch on North Terrace, the Premier spoke of what the Crown made available to South Australians and what it made available to us all, from universal suffrage for women, democratic reforms, freedom and liberty, even through to freedom of the press.

Her Majesty's life was an example to all of us, and that example was led, of course, through her partnership with her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip. They shared a faith and

love of institution and of democratic ideals. What many of us have forgotten is that Her Majesty took the throne at the height of the Cold War. During that period, our entire system and way of life were at threat. The constitutional monarchy stood out as a symbol, not of an authoritarian regime ruling people but of liberal Western democratic values, and it was that symbol and that light that allowed us ultimately to prevail over certainly what I consider the forces of darkness.

We are unique. We swear an oath as an executive and as members of parliament to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors. Her heirs and successors have now taken the throne. We do not swear an oath of allegiance to democracy or to a piece of paper or a constitution. She takes up that responsibility for us, as does our new monarch. He is the one who defends our constitutional liberties and norms, and we swear our oath and allegiance to them.

They have served us well. The restraint and dignity with which Her Majesty carried out all her public duties were very impressive. I was lucky enough to be at the 2002 reception where many thought Her Majesty was bidding Australia farewell for the last time. I do not wish to raise the issue of republic versus constitutional monarchy, but I do think it is important to remember that no matter what choice Australia would have made or does make Her Majesty the Queen would have respected that democratic vote, that democratic decision, which speaks volumes about who she was and her respect for the institution for which she stood.

Last night, I forced my children to stay up and watch the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen. There were many questions asked and I tried to answer as many of them as I could. The truth is that we are witnessing the passage of history. We will not see her like again. We will not see a reign of such duration through such turbulent times again. There will be turbulent times and there will be future monarchs and they will reign, but none like the second Elizabethan age. It was a particularly special reign. It was a particularly special person—from the manner in which she ascended to the throne to the way she conducted herself throughout her entire reign until the very end.

At her husband's funeral, there was an Orthodox Christian prayer said. That prayer was said in light of the faith of her husband's birth. That prayer was this:

Give rest to the soul of your departed servant in a place of light, in a place of green pasture, in a place of refreshment, from where pain, sorrow, and sighing have fled away.

I wish Her Majesty all those things. God save the King.

The Hon. J.A.W. GARDNER (Morialta—Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11:31): I join with members in expressing my deep regret and profound sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I commend the three speakers we have just heard for their outstanding contributions.

After the death of the Queen's father, King George VI, Winston Churchill said:

...there struck a deep and solemn note in our lives which, as it resounded far and wide, stilled the clatter and traffic of twentieth-century life in many lands, and made countless millions of human beings pause and look around them.

These words resonate with us today as we come to terms with our loss. Over the last month, we have watched the Queen approaching journey's end. Even in her last days, she welcomed her 15th British Prime Minister, devoted to duty until the very end. We should take heart and draw comfort and strength for the future from her bearing and fortitude.

As our new King, Charles III, said, when the Queen pledged to devote her life, whether it be short or long, to the service of her people, that was more than a promise. It was a profound personal commitment which defined her whole life. Her example is truly a pattern to all princes living and to us all.

The Queen shared a great love for Australia and Australians shared a great love for the Queen, nowhere more so than here in South Australia. On 23 March 1954, Her Majesty opened a special session of the Parliament of South Australia with these inspiring words:

I am confident that by courage, enterprise, and determination you will move forward to an era of ever-increasing prosperity.

We are privileged to live in South Australia. While we always strive to be better and to progress in our role as MPs to serve our communities more effectively and more faithfully, there is no question that in all the experience of human life we are fortunate to be South Australians born in this age. I believe we owe much of our success and prosperity to Her Majesty's stability and steadfastness. In terms of constitutional monarchs, she was a paragon.

Over 70 years, the world changed and the countries over which she reigned changed dramatically too, as did their peoples, as did their laws and as did, on a number of occasions, their constitutional arrangements. Their head of state, Queen Elizabeth II, will be remembered as a monarch, a constitutional monarch, under whose reign these momentous changes were not only allowed but by her signature enabled, presided over with her blessing. In doing so, she has demonstrated to us her strength and the potential of the role to which she dedicated her life and service.

The institution she embodied is surrounded by an other-worldly aura, a sense of a different time, and for some this poses a challenge. When I was younger, it certainly did for me too, but it also provides what the Premier described earlier in this debate as a quiet constitutional certainty in the political rough-and-tumble of our daily lives. As the member for West Torrens described in the speech just given, 'a symbol of Western democratic values'.

By removing the head of state from the to-and-fro of politics, of representation, of overt power, the dangers posed by demagoguery and constitutional instability have been avoided. As Jordan Peterson wrote just last night:

The monarchical system therefore fulfils a vital psychological (spiritual) and social purpose. It's of great practical utility as well.

To our new monarch, King Charles III, to whom our motion is addressed: we know your life, too, has been given in service and that in the example of your mother, the Queen, you take seriously the model she set in fulfilling this important constitutional role.

The admiration and respect in which Her Majesty was held can be assigned to many factors: her lifetime of public service, her dedication to duty, her selfless devotion, her ability to rise above the political fray, her compassion and empathy for others, her unifying presence and grace, and her humanity.

Having spoken up to now about the nature of her role and the benefits of its unusual arrangements, it was her humanity and the love that she demonstrated daily that enabled so many to feel an extraordinary personal connection. We have seen the sorrow and grief most acutely demonstrated by members of Her Majesty's family, but it is a sorrow shared in no small measure by billions of people around the world who, we have been reminded, watched her final farewell last night together.

Many in South Australia have taken the opportunity to come into Government House or into our electorate offices to share their own reflections and condolences in the books the government has given us all. I can advise the house that Mordialta residents in their hundreds have done so too. A couple even met Her Majesty personally.

I was pleased to read a note from my constituent Derek, who was a Coldstream Guardsman. He wrote, 'Goodbye. Happy memories of exciting times and occasions.' A number of others felt a personal connection forged during her 16 visits to Australia and seven to South Australia during the time of her reign. My constituent Pat wrote:

Your Majesty: I saw you when you visited Mount Gambier in 1954. What a thrill for me and all the students present. I have loved and respected you and your family. Thank you for being there. Rest in Peace.

Many more constituents who never met Her Majesty still felt that connection, and I can advise the house that the people coming to my office represent many generations, with diverse backgrounds representing the multicultural tapestry so prominent in my seat of Mordialta. My constituent Yinxan wrote:

Although I grew up in a communist country, Your Majesty the Queen's passing is a very sad moment for me and makes me extremely depressed. We have only known you as our monarch. Such a wonderful woman who

dedicated yourself to the duty of the country and its people. Rest in peace knowing that you have lots of respect and deep love.

A number of themes have been prominent in the condolence book, and the Leader of the Opposition will not be surprised to hear that they reflect those which he warned may bear repetition in the debate today. Therese spoke for many when she wrote:

You have been an inspiration in my life for your steadfastness, loyalty, faith, dedication and love.

Many of those words were repeated in so many other messages. I am sure they will be heard more often this afternoon.

Her Majesty lived for 96 full years. The world has known her in many roles: sovereign, diplomat, figurehead, Queen, but also as a daughter, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother. That we have known her all our lives in all of these roles no doubt informs the deep sense of sadness that so many people have felt about a public figure that most have never met. She was a constant when all else around was change.

That connection informs why I believe so many of us felt surprise in our hearts when we started hearing the sad news 10 days ago, even though our heads should have prepared us for the inevitable. Her legacy is within all of us, and I find myself no less touched by this than anyone else.

Fourteen years ago, I found myself giving the eulogy at my own grandma's funeral. In that eulogy, I reflected that, when I was little, I thought my grandma was the Queen. My child's mind could not distinguish the idea that there were two lovely, elderly ladies in England who cared about us, who had beautiful clothes and immaculate hair and whom we saw pictures of whenever they went abroad. Of course, she was not our nan, our grandma, our grandmother or our nanny; she was the Queen. She had a life that was something else altogether: she was born into royalty. She lived in castles and palaces and was known to the world.

While her life was an exemplar of service, there is no question that, for many people, the royal family first represents privilege. The fact of these circumstances reminds me of one final quality in Her Majesty that we know was so important to her—as we were reminded by the Leader of the Opposition earlier—that of her devout faith. Her Majesty would personally have been deeply familiar with the gospel call that from those to whom much is given much is expected.

Despite any privilege that can be ascribed to Her Majesty in life, I believe that none can argue that she has not exceeded even the highest of expectations that could have been set for her and her service. We send our deepest condolences to the royal family. We share in their grief and loss. God save the King.

The Hon. S.C. MULLIGHAN (Lee—Treasurer) (11:41): I rise today to offer condolences on the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. In the early hours of 9 September, our time, our world changed. The death of Queen Elizabeth II ended a reign of more than 70 years and the life of one of the world's most recognised and respected figures. Monarchist or not, most of us do not know life without her. For more than 70 years, she was a constant presence, an enduring symbol of unwavering service, resilience and dignity.

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest serving monarch in British history. She came to the role after her father, King George VI, passed away at an age of only 56. He himself was thrust into the role of sovereign 15 years earlier, when his older brother, Edward VIII, abdicated in 1936 after barely more than 300 days on the throne.

Edward's abdication from the responsibility of the Crown to the freedom of private life shook the English monarchy to its very foundations. It passed the burden of lifelong service to Edward's younger brother George and in turn to his elder daughter, Elizabeth. Ultimately, the abdication's impact on the monarchy could only be remedied by ongoing, unwavering commitment to the Crown. This effort was started by her father, King George, and then continued so determinedly and successfully by Her late Majesty Elizabeth II—70 years of unflinching service.

Her commitment to our country and our state was clear; she visited our state regularly, from very early on in her reign to her last visit in 2002. Her first visit was in March 1954, when it was estimated that 200,000 people lined the streets from Parafield Airport to Government House to

welcome her. The next day, more still turned out to catch a glimpse of royalty and to show their support. Her busy schedule included the opening of parliament, some records of which remain on display in the parliament's library and the dining room.

In 1963, she visited again, this time including the town that bears her name. Once again, people turned out in droves to see their monarch, offer flowers and, for a lucky few, speak with the Queen herself. Yet Elizabeth is not the only place here where her name will live on: The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in the western suburbs was officially opened by the Queen Mother when she visited in Adelaide in 1958. Five years later, Queen Elizabeth saw it for herself.

For those in my electorate of Lee, one of her visits, in 1986, included Fort Glanville in Semaphore Park. Dating from 1880, it was to be one of three forts to protect our coastline. A second was constructed at Taperoo, and a third, planned for Glenelg, never eventuated. The Queen inspected the fort, which had undergone restoration and had a newly constructed visitor centre. It is said that she spent about an hour at the site, during which she was given a full demonstration of the fort's capabilities, including firing the cannons. On the fifth anniversary of Her late Majesty's Fort Glanville visit, then Governor Dame Roma Mitchell named the Queen Elizabeth II walk in her honour.

I never had the fortune of meeting Queen Elizabeth II, but I share South Australians' great respect and admiration for her service. She reigned during a period of unprecedented change, punctuated by global events that have shaped our world for better or for worse. In the United Kingdom, these included the Troubles in Northern Ireland and IRA bombings, the opening of the Channel Tunnel, the Beatles, the forming of the European Union, the Falklands War, the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the London suicide attacks, the Manchester bombing, the London Olympics and, more recently, Brexit.

More broadly, the world witnessed the Cold War, the Cuban missile crisis, the assassinations of JFK and Martin Luther King, the Vietnam War, the Moon landing, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Soviet Union, and the global financial crisis. Of course, here in Australia, while the Queen reigned we continued to develop our own national identity and prospered in the second half of the 20th century.

She was also sovereign during one of the most significant political episodes since Federation: the Dismissal. She was stoic during the most challenging of times—in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, when she famously said, 'Grief is the price we pay for love,' and, more recently, when she sent a message of unity and hope during COVID-19 with the words, 'We will meet again.'

Throughout all these events, she remained a constant, reassuring, unflappable presence to millions all over the world; yet, to truly appreciate the remarkable commitment of her service, we must remember she was also a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Throughout all the momentous global and domestic events occurring throughout her reign, Her late Majesty also contended with all the challenges and tumult, as the head of a large and complex family in full view of the public and the media. In more recent media-saturated times, we recall the Queen's *annus horribilis* in 1992 due to the fire at Windsor Castle and the various tribulations of her children. We also recall the death of Princess Diana in 1997, a time of upheaval for the royal family and also of rare public criticism.

In 2002, her mother and sister died within a month of one another. Her bond with both was extremely strong, her mother particularly important as a guide and refuge in the early days after her father died as she assumed the Crown. There was also her bond with her younger sister, tested so greatly with Margaret's wish to marry outside the strictures of the Church of England, the head of which, of course, was Elizabeth. In the end, Princess Margaret ended her relationship and stayed by her sister's side.

Of course, only last year was the death of Her late Majesty's husband, Prince Philip, a man she called her 'strength and stay'. Who could forget those images of the Queen at his funeral service, alone due to COVID restrictions and for the first time in 74 years.

She met all those challenges, global and domestic, public and personal, yet always her service as Queen was undeterred. She exemplified her commitment to her role early in her reign, memorably saying in her 1957 Christmas broadcast:

I cannot lead you into battle, I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else, I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.

She most certainly did. Over two million people lined the streets of London and four billion global viewers tuned in to see the funeral proceedings over the last 24 hours. It has been a remarkable outpouring of affection.

I formally offer my condolences to the royal family. While we have lost a monarch, it cannot be forgotten that they have lost a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. Her family's grief is laid bare as they mourn in the public eye, and, during this difficult time, just like their matriarch, they have put duty first.

While we mourn the passing of Her late Majesty, we also recognise the new sovereign, King Charles III. He assumes the Crown while mourning the passing of his beloved mother—a challenge none of us could imagine. I, too, convey my congratulations to him on his accession to the throne and wish him a long and prosperous reign. God save the King.

Ms PRATT (Frome) (11:49): I rise to speak in support of the motion to His Majesty King Charles III and offer my formal condolences to the royal family. The world has never and will never observe such a procession again. In the last 24 hours, over four billion people on our planet chose to dedicate their attention to the funeral of one lady—a nonagenarian, a great-grandmother still working until her death—our Queen.

The English language will be regurgitated many times over to capture the essence of our monarch, and I offer my own personal reflections today. She was known for her impish humour, she was thoughtful, she had fortitude. We know of her duty; she was our constant. It was reported that she liked to leave her crown at the gate of Balmoral Castle and she was certainly our cherished sovereign.

She was also more than a monarch. She was the purest example of a born leader; little did we know it in the year of her birth. Her full title was Her Majesty Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

But, for such a lofty title, she was pedestrian in some of her interests. We know that she loved to be outdoors with her horses and corgis, wandering the moors, and she certainly knew her way around a diesel engine. It is widely reported that her favourite way to break her fast was to enjoy marmalade on toast with a scraping of butter—also my mother's favourite combination, and I acknowledge her in the gallery today.

It is my mother who is responsible for my love of poems by British author A.A. Milne and it is fitting that I share a verse today, for in his poem, *The King's Breakfast*, Milne wrote:

The Dairymaid
Said, 'Fancy!'
And went to
Her Majesty.
She curtsied to the Queen, and
She turned a little red:
'Excuse me,
Your Majesty,
For taking of
The liberty,
But marmalade is tasty, if

It's very
Thickly
Spread.'

When Her Majesty quickly agreed to a cameo role with Paddington Bear to mark her own platinum jubilee celebrations, we learned much more about her marmalade habits and that impish humour she was known for. As Australians, we pride ourselves on our own sense of humour and, as our nation reflects on our relationship with Her Majesty, we have enjoyed reliving the moments when she travelled Down Under.

My parents have their own cherished memories from their childhood of seeing Her Majesty passing by. For my father, it was in 1954 at Victoria Park as a student of Blyth Primary School, later my own school; for my mother, it was when she travelled from Snowtown to Wayville in 1963. We have heard of the masses, the hundreds of thousands, who travelled across South Australia to witness that spectacle.

Australia is intrinsically tied to the United Kingdom and monarchy by virtue of our Westminster system and as members of the commonwealth, and so it was an auspicious occasion for our national democracy, as well as for the Pratt family, in 1988 at the opening of new Parliament House in Canberra. I have reflected on this day personally in my own first speech, but to reflect further on my parents' experience later that day in 1988 my father—who was at the time the federal member for Adelaide—stood alongside my mother and as husband and wife they shared the dance floor with their Queen.

Our artists are also directly linked to Her Majesty. For example, South Australian sculptor John Dowie, who was a Rat of Tobruk and later trained in the styles of Gauguin and Renoir, designed and created our beloved Three Rivers fountain in Victoria Square as well as the Tjilbruke monument at Kingston Park in the member for Black's electorate. Dowie was commissioned to commemorate the visit to Adelaide by Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, but he was later to create a full-length statue of Her Majesty, unveiled by the monarch herself, on the aptly named Queen's Terrace for the opening of Parliament House in 1988.

To embody her own philosophy that 'I have to be seen to be believed', she visited South Australia seven times. We have witnessed in the last week pageantry with military precision, tradition, values, honour and solemnity, and we have been reminded that life does have a serious side. But the ceremonies have had a majesty about them. They have almost been cinematic, with the armed forces and the royal family walking at 75 paces per minute to achieve that effect of gliding along The Mall. I ask the house to give particular consideration to the horses that would normally be walking at twice that pace in a normal parade.

For a kingdom steeped in history, it has been harrowing to witness the royal family grieving in public, stoic and disciplined. But such is the draw of Her Majesty, even in death, that billions of people across the world have paid their respects in person and in spirit to the hardest working monarch the United Kingdom has ever known. She was not defined by her age, and she kept working until she died peacefully.

I also reflect on personalities, if you like, such as Sir David Attenborough, also aged 96, who only recently was walking the parks of Balmoral Castle with Her Majesty, and how keenly he must feel the loss of a friend. Her Majesty had developed quite a following and featured infrequently in pop culture references such as her famed encounter with Daniel Craig's alter ego, James Bond, for the 2012 London Olympics. It is widely reported that the whole royal family are big fans of the Bond characters largely due to the Britishness of the franchise, but it is quietly whispered that Her Majesty's favourite Bond was Roger Moore because he looked like Prince Philip.

Of course, Gilbert and Sullivan tragi-comics, like me, know only too well the language of Britain. We are reminded of references like the Navy, the Queen's Navy, the royal history with references to sense of duty, Yeomen of the Guard, grenadiers, heralds, beefeaters—and I could go on. I have certainly returned to this music with much delight.

I thank our Governor, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC, for her own service and dedication to Her Majesty and to all South Australians. In opening Government House for a

period of mourning, our Governor has provided a place of solace and reflection for people all over South Australia to pay their respects to our cherished sovereign. I note, as with other members of the house, that in our own electorates, certainly as the member for Frome, I have made a condolence book available in my office, but I have also driven it around the electorate to find members of the commonwealth in Riverton and Kapunda and Clare and Balaklava who are unable to travel but wanted to pay their respects.

Her Majesty was diminutive in stature but a giant on the world stage. She was and will remain Britain's longest serving monarch. May she now lie in eternal rest, and may God save the King.

The Hon. Z.L. BETTISON (Ramsay—Minister for Tourism, Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (11:57): I rise today to support the motion and recognise the 70 years of public service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For many, the loss of Her Majesty the Queen is felt at a deeply personal level, and I acknowledge their grief especially, for the Queen was not just a symbol or figurehead. To many Australians, she seemed to be personable, approachable, warm, loyal, devoted and proud of them and our nation.

Her Majesty also had a connection with many parts of Adelaide's north. My Ramsay electorate takes in parts of the City of Elizabeth which, as we have heard from others here, was named in honour of Her Majesty. As well as those living in Elizabeth itself, across my electorate I have many constituents who arrived here in South Australia from the UK as migrant families as part of the mass migration scheme following World War II until the 1970s.

With the promise of better jobs and even better weather, close to a million British citizens arrived here following the long sea journey known as the £10 passage. Those ten-pound Poms, as they became known locally, arrived across Australia, becoming central to Australia's postwar recovery. Such is the remaining impact of that wave of migration that years later the nostalgia for the journey of the ten-pound Pom helped the South Australian Tourism Commission to launch a new drive to get young British and Irish men and women to again consider South Australia as a place to play and work.

Back in April, when we launched this tourism campaign, it prompted many in my electorate and across the state to share with me their migration stories and those of their families. These stories shared a common thread: a strong and ongoing connection they still felt to the UK. As Her Majesty herself has said, there remains for many families who arrived here in that period of postwar mass migration 'deep, affectionate and personal links between Australia and the British Isles'.

In 2002, in a speech at Festival Hall, the Queen expressed a sense of pride in Australia's growing confidence, our global outlook, a recognition of the contribution of Indigenous Australians, and 'the natural realisation that Australians can take on the best in the world and excel: whether in the arts, sport, military activity, intellectual endeavour or business'. In that same speech, I also note that Her Majesty made particular mention of the 'great wines of South Australia'. As we know, they are the best in the world.

I will end today by sharing the warm words with which she ended her speech in Adelaide 20 years ago:

I declare again here tonight that my admiration, affection and regard for the people of Australia will remain, as it has been over these past 50 years, constant, sure and true.

We acknowledge and thank her for her service, for her devotion and for her dedication to her role. Our thoughts are with her family at this time of deep loss, and we recognise how hard it is to grieve with the world watching. God save the King.

Mr TELFER (Flinders) (12:01): I rise to speak on this important symbolic motion from the people of South Australia. The last 70 years have seen many changes in our world and nation, but a true constant has been the ongoing grace and inspiration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

I do not believe the world will ever again see a leader in place for such a long time. At the time the Queen took the throne after the death of her father, King George VI, Churchill was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Menzies the Prime Minister of Australia and Playford the Premier of South Australia. In fact, Her Majesty had 179 individuals serve as Prime Minister across her realms during her 70 years as sovereign.

As we have already heard in this place, Her Majesty was just 25 years old upon her accession. For her to reign from that age with such confidence, grace and conviction says so much about her strength of character and her heart of service. Queen Elizabeth II was a woman of great Christian faith, describing it as an inspiration and anchor during her reign. Her faith was foundational in the way she led her life. In 2008, the Queen said:

I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth who, often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life...He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving; more in serving than in being served.

This statement epitomises the way she approached her own life.

Her Majesty lived her whole life in the public eye, always scrutinised but always willing to meet people and listen to their stories. This was highlighted to me by the stories that come from my own electorate of Flinders. Her Majesty and Prince Philip visited Port Lincoln on 20 March 1954, 68 years ago. By all reports, it was a momentous day—a royal visit to a town of about 7,000 people at that time, the population of which more than doubled with the influx of people from the surrounds.

As the royal plane descended into Port Lincoln, a rousing cheer filled the air as they were greeted by hundreds of locals at the airport. Thousands again were lined up along the 11-mile route from the airport through to the town centre, as well as decorated farmhouses, paddock fences and gateways, all welcoming the royal party to Eyre Peninsula.

On the bay, the Port Lincoln Yacht Club fleet covered the water, decorated with all flags flying, to welcome Her Majesty. The regal vehicle traversed the streets, lined with wellwishers, with the Queen and Prince Philip waving to them all as they travelled through the town in the back of an open car. Businesses and buildings were covered with blue, red and white decorations to show their support.

The royal couple were welcomed to the Civic Centre by the then Mayor of Port Lincoln, Arthur Trigg, who in fact was the grandfather of my predecessor in this place as the member for Flinders, Peter Treloar. Her Majesty presented from the balcony of the centre so that those community members who came from far and wide could catch a glimpse of her and hear her speak.

After meeting together, the official party moved on to Centenary Oval in the middle of Port Lincoln, greeted again by thousands of people. Also waiting were hundreds of school kids from all across the district, who performed an incredibly elaborate and choreographed fan dance presentation for Her Majesty—a momentous day for the Port Lincoln and Eyre Peninsula community that is still spoken of to this very day, some 68 years later.

Since the passing of Her Majesty these stories of different individuals' experiences and memories have been shared all over again. You may ask why I regale you with this story. It is because it shows you the impact that Her Majesty had on my little community nearly 70 years ago. When I checked the official royal diary for that visit, I realised that it lasted for less than two hours, but it left lifelong memories and a positive impact for decades.

Likewise, on that same visit to South Australia in 1954, a royal visit country cricket match was played for the royal couple, hosted on the Adelaide Oval and is still talked about to this day. Captained by one of the very best country cricketers of the century, Mr Ken Baillie, from my very own home club, the Lipson Cricket Club, the Country Carnival team played a SACA side in an exhibition match and then were able to meet and speak with Her Majesty in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I can imagine that these stories can be reflected, and similar stories told, of the impact of Her Majesty's visits, conversations and experiences around the whole world, through her seven decades on the throne, with the millions of people she met through that time.

The impact of Queen Elizabeth II was felt for generations and will be felt for generations to come. Of course, there were aspects throughout the reign of Her Majesty that I am sure she would have done differently, and things she was criticised for, but you cannot live a life for as long as her or as publicly as her without aspects like that.

On behalf of the people of the electorate of Flinders in South Australia, I want to publicly recognise and thank Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the grace, devotion and steadfast resolve displayed throughout her reign, and congratulate His Majesty King Charles III on his accession to

the throne and our hope for his long and prosperous reign. I will finish with the words of Her Majesty in her first Christmas broadcast in 1952:

Pray for me...that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you all the days of my life.

Your Majesty, indeed He did give you that wisdom and strength and you did faithfully serve Him and us.

The Hon. K.A. HILDYARD (Reynell—Minister for Child Protection, Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) (12:08): I rise to support this motion and in doing so to offer my deep and wholehearted condolences and the condolences of the community of Reynell to the royal family at this very sad time, as together we mourn the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a wife, sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The Queen devoted her whole life to unsurpassed service, a remarkable gift representative of an unshakable personal commitment to her vocation that has impacted and will continue to inspire people around the world. Her unflinching and enduring devotion to duty was extraordinary and serves as a shining example to leaders everywhere. Her leadership exemplified compassionate servant leadership. It was wise and steeped in love and humility. It was leadership courageously committed to at a young age and leadership that continued to be characterised by that same deep courage and always—always—by love for all people.

The impact of her service and leadership was profound and will be felt by many for years, decades and centuries to come. It has such a universal impact on so many and it has and will have a particular impact on women and girls across the commonwealth and well beyond—girls and women who have lived their lives only ever knowing a female monarch and those future generations who will know of her remarkable service and the way in which Her Majesty approached it, and who will feel and be buoyed by her legacy and influence.

During this time of community mourning, I have thought a lot about these many generations of girls and women the Queen inspired through her leadership. I reflected on the life of my late grandmother, who passed away early this year. She was born in 1925 and lived through the same momentous world events that Her Majesty did. I have been thinking about both of them.

My grandmother's three brothers and her father served in World War II and World War I respectively. She grew up in an entirely different time, but she adapted so beautifully to the many social, technological and other changes that she had to confront. Just yesterday would have been her 97th birthday and this popped up on Facebook, a platform that she vociferously and sometimes alarmingly embraced in her late 80s and early 90s.

Reflecting on this led me to again reflect on the life of Her Majesty and the incredible change that she not only lived through but steadfastly led through—15 UK prime ministers, 16 Australian prime ministers, world wars, the Cold War, the Depression, personal tragedies and triumphs, and heartwarming and heartbreaking family times. Through all of it, she led and through her leadership provided comfort, calm and wisdom. Whilst she adapted and led through such change, part of her beauty was that she remained unchanged in her approach. In a tumultuous world, she remained constant, providing reassurance to so many, including my grandmother, who like many spoke of her and what she was doing, of her visits and her leadership, and who treasured every *Women's Weekly* that featured her.

Her Majesty ascended to the throne after four consecutive male monarchs and at a time when the perception of the role of women in society was very different from that of today. The many powerful women who have come before us, shining amongst them the Queen, exemplify what a woman holding influence and status can look like. Seeing women in powerful positions sends a strong message to young girls and women that they have the capacity to be powerful, strong and influential and to lead in the way that is authentic for them and that reflects their spirit and personality. It also changes the broader perceptions about the roles that women can and should play. Amongst the many ways that she instilled hope, Her Majesty was a beacon of hope in our ongoing quest to achieve equality.

During the Queen's last visit to Australia in 2011, she found us experiencing an historic moment in time, led by our first and currently only female Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard, as well as our first and currently only female Governor-General, Dame Quentin Bryce. Speaking to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at the time, the Queen reflected on the meeting's theme, Women as Agents of Change, saying that the theme 'reminds us of the potential in our societies that is yet to be fully unlocked, and it encourages us to find ways to allow girls and women to play their full part'.

During the Queen's over 70-year reign, she would have witnessed great change in the role of women in society and so much of that potential in society rightly unlocked. I will continue to reflect on Her Majesty's wise words as we continue to strive for a society in which your gender has no bearing on opportunities available to you and on the parts you can play, a society that empowers women and girls to live their best possible lives.

As a leader, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was thoughtful, strong and absolutely devoted to the position she held. Her Majesty's warmth and ability to connect as a leader came through in her interactions with others, whether they were world political leaders, community and charity champions, sports women and men, artists or musicians, business leaders or others making contributions through a diverse range of fields, the Queen always projected this thoughtful, loving leadership and strong connections to those of us observing her—qualities that all leaders can be inspired by and aspire to.

Since the passing of Her Majesty, it has been so lovely to talk with my community across the south and hear their memories and thoughts as they contemplate their shared loss. I have appreciated many community members sharing their beautiful condolence messages with me in many ways.

The weekend before last, I attended the Southern Football League preliminary finals with a condolence book and was able to offer the opportunity to many present at the game to share their message about the life and legacy of the Queen. It is such an honour that these messages from our local community will be delivered to the royal family, along with similar messages from communities across our state and the country. It was heartwarming to listen to people at the footy speak of Her Majesty's remarkable and enduring leadership and unshakable devotion to duty and of their great respect and affection for her.

One of the lovely men—quite a character—from the Noarlunga Football Club was very keen to sign the book. As he sipped his beer and signed the book, he remarked to me that he felt really, really sad that, even though he did not know her personally, he felt like he had lost a grandmother.

Whilst the loss of Her Majesty will be felt by so many, this loss will of course most deeply be felt by those closest to her. I again offer my condolences to the royal family at this very sad time. Long will I have the image of her daughter staying by her mother's side as her coffin travelled through the beautiful streets of Scotland and into England, and long will I remember last night the images of her great-grandchildren and grandchildren and other loved ones in Westminster Abbey. May Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and may God save the King.

Mr PATTERSON (Morphett) (12:17): I take this opportunity to speak in parliament on behalf of the electorate of Morphett to express our deep sympathy at the death of Queen Elizabeth II and acknowledge her lifetime of dedicated service and commitment to the people of South Australia and the commonwealth.

It was with great sadness that we awoke to the news on the morning of Friday 9 September 2022 that Queen Elizabeth had died at the age of 96 after reigning as the monarch for 70 years. Like so many others, we knew at 96 years of age that this day would come, but it still came as a shock. She had only two days earlier commissioned Liz Truss to be the UK's Prime Minister.

For many Australians, she was the only monarch they had known; in fact, only an eighth of living Australians (approximately 12 per cent) had known a monarch other than Queen Elizabeth II. She was the last current world leader to have lived through one of the greatest calamities of the 20th century—World War II. She was a living link back to the horrors of that time and the austerity and then optimism that resulted as the world recovered after the conflict ended in 1945.

Living in England through this time—in fact, joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service towards the end of the war—no doubt shaped the Queen, as it did so many of that generation, leading her in 1947 on her 21st birthday to declare that 'my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'. Only five years later, in 1952, at the age of 25 Elizabeth became Queen.

That year North Adelaide beat Norwood in the SANFL grand final and, fittingly, this year's SANFL grand final again featured both North and Norwood, but this time Norwood were crowned premiers by the narrowest of margins, a solitary point. While that might suggest that nothing has changed over these 70 years, in fact the world has changed dramatically.

The Queen started her reign with Robert Menzies as the Australian Prime Minister and Winston Churchill as the British Prime Minister. Over her 70-year reign, there were 16 Australian prime ministers and 15 British prime ministers. In fact, Australia has only been a federation for 121 years, and she has been the monarch for 70 of those years. As Australia's constitutional monarch, her role was to be consulted, to advise and to warn.

Her coronation in 1953 was televised live in a first and was watched by 27 million people in the UK and many more worldwide. It propelled the world into the television age. Alongside the jet age, the nuclear age, space travel, the internet and satellite communications, the world has seen tremendous change technologically. This has also brought about massive societal change and upheaval.

During this time, one of the only constants was that the Queen remained a constant source of stability, duty and dedication. The Queen's affection for Australia and South Australia was deep. She visited Australia 14 times and our state on seven occasions. Her first visit to Australia was in 1954. It was the first time a ruling monarch had visited Australia, and it was estimated that nearly three-quarters of the population saw the Queen on that visit.

Another of her memorable visits was in 1977 as part of her silver jubilee tour of Australia. On that visit, on 20 March, the Queen came ashore to South Australia from the Royal Yacht *Britannia* onto the Glenelg jetty. Hundreds of people stood on the beach and in the water to catch a glimpse of their Queen. A landing platform was specially added to the jetty for the occasion to receive the tender boat, and it has remained there until only recently. It has been the perfect platform for jetty jumpers to launch into the crystal clear waters of Holdfast Bay on many a hot summer day since.

After landing that day, the Queen walked down Glenelg jetty, accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor. The jetty was lined with junior lifesavers from the local surf lifesaving clubs. Queen Elizabeth was then greeted by the awaiting crowd at Moseley Square. I can remember in 1977 my parents taking me to the city to see the Royal Silver Jubilee Exhibition Train. It was the first mobile museum of its kind in the world and included treasures such as the bullet that killed Lord Nelson, Queen Elizabeth I's gloves and Princess Anne's wedding dress.

Queen Elizabeth would return to Glenelg in 1986 as part of South Australia's sesquicentenary celebrations. On this occasion, not only would the Queen visit Moseley Square, where the Pioneer Memorial stands but Her Majesty would also visit the Old Gum Tree in Glenelg North, which is the site where the colony of South Australia was first proclaimed in 1836 and where, on 28 December each year, a Proclamation Day ceremony is held.

So many people in Morphett have fond memories of those visits allowing them to see their monarch in person. Importantly, it has been what we have witnessed from afar that has also captured our admiration, for these visits were but a small part of her hard work and dedication to duty and service that made her such a trusted and admired person. Since the Queen's death, Government House has been open for the public to share their condolences, and I solemnly signed one of the condolence books at Government House.

For those not able to travel into the city, a condolence book was also available in all the electorate offices, including the Morphett electorate office. The people who came in were from all walks of life, including local school students on their lunch break. It is so fitting because the Queen always thrived on visiting schools and engaging with school students during her famous walkabouts whilst on tour. The many messages in the condolence book in Morphett were heartfelt and conveyed an overwhelming sense of thanks.

They were messages such as from Patricia Brougham: 'With deep respect for a life well lived. Thank you for your service.' From Ros Cordes: 'The Queen, you have been an amazing leader and was an example for everyone throughout the world.' Brian and Helen Gitsham wrote: 'Thank you for your faithful service for all these 70 years.' School student Chenuli Wattedgamaarachchi wrote: 'You were a fantastic Queen. You will always be in my prayers.' Another school student, Maddison Murdoch, wrote: 'I am always thinking of you. You were so inspiring to me'—as she was to so many other young girls and women throughout her long reign.

There were many other messages that reinforced the Queen's decency, faith and humility in that condolence book. Certainly by the end of her life, the Queen's nobility was found in her service to others rather than just by any birthright, and it certainly explains the respect and regard in which she is held by so many in egalitarian Australia.

Overwhelmingly, it was her dedication to duty and service for which she will be remembered. She was true to her pledge made 75 years ago that her whole life, whether it be long or short, would be devoted to service. It turned out to be a long life, ending as the longest reigning British monarch in history. To the very ends she kept her promise of service, commissioning Liz Truss as the UK's Prime Minister just two days before her death.

We celebrate her reign and solemnly acknowledge the end of the second Elizabethan era. Long live King Charles III.

The Hon. N.F. COOK (Hurtle Vale—Minister for Human Services) (12:25): I rise to make a contribution to this important motion. I grew up in a very British household, with my parents arriving here in November of 1965. The short story was that they could have taken one bus to head north and head to the Elizabeth area, which was rapidly evolving, or the bus to head south. That is the choice my parents took, and we led a happy and fruitful life in Morphett Vale.

I think there were some interesting things about the royals with my family. My mother loved the Queen Mother more than the Queen, but she still loved the Queen. I think as the television and televising of events evolved, she got a bit tired of the 24/7 coverage of things like royal weddings. We had a house full of trinkets from the coronation, the wedding—cupboards that were a monument to the royals. But I am not quite sure what my dear old mum would have thought of the funeral and the passing of the Queen coverage that has consumed the media. Mum was not one to enjoy overdoing that type of thing, although they did have a lot of fun with some of the royal visits.

One which I recall—and I am not sure of myth or fact here, and that is probably the fun of it—is when my mother and father had us convinced that when the Queen came to Adelaide she stayed in a well-to-do person's home in the hills near our house. Back in the day, I think this was still known as Hackham, but it is now called Onkaparinga Hills, up the back where you drove to Clarendon.

We spent many Sunday afternoons going for a drive in the southern suburbs—and often to Clarendon because it is the home of a beautiful bakery and some lovely walks—but every time we drove past this driveway my dad would point out and say, 'That's where Queen Elizabeth stayed with Prince Philip.' I could not pin them down to which trip it was; I could not pin them down to who and why and how—and, trust me, I have tried to find out whether this is indeed true. I think I want to call nonsense on it but probably will not, just out of respect for my folks and the love that they had for their English heritage.

I do have in my office here in Parliament House a video of the movie *Royal Wedding*, starring Fred Astaire and Jane Powell from 1951. It is a tribute to the Queen and I do not think it would play, even if I had a VHS, because I believe we wore it out. My mother loved the movie.

We are currently going through momentous times. People have said that irrespective of what you feel about monarchy and royalty it is definitely the most impressive display of love for somebody that I think I have ever witnessed. To just be a small part of being able to pay tribute to this on behalf of our community is something very special.

The world is definitely a different place from when the young Queen took the throne. In some respects, our world is unrecognisable. She rose to that position in a way that no-one else will because times are so very different. I just wonder what she might have felt when, at 25—certainly a time in

the lives of many of our children or our friends' children when they are still discovering what life is—the Queen was delivered not only the tragic news of the passing of her father but also the great responsibility that became hers while she was away from her family.

I reflected on the words of the Queen gave when broadcast on the wireless from Cape Town in one of her first public addresses. She said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, will be devoted to your service.' I think all of us in this place acknowledge that service resonates with us as the reason to enter parliament. The Queen, however, did not have that choice, but she still had that overwhelming sense of duty that she was called to public life and that she would serve. Thankfully for all of us, it was for a very long time.

As I said, regardless of your views, it is also important that over this period of evolution in our society little girls all over the world have seen the reigning monarch as this unwavering leader, a powerful woman and aspirational figure. The enduring image of a woman leader who felt compelled to service is an image that has been extremely important. As a girl growing up, she was a constant, an unwavering and decent woman.

As my siblings got older, their views changed about royalty. I was the youngest and left at home for many years. I looked forward to watching the Queen's Christmas message at night after everyone was very full of Christmas pudding and relaxing on the couch playing a game that we got for Christmas. We would sit, and everyone had to be silent for the Queen's message. It was very important.

Another quote I found really relevant to my work, particularly to my newest responsibilities, was given in 2016 at the Olympic Games. The Queen said:

I often draw strength from meeting ordinary people doing extraordinary things: volunteers, carers, community organisers and good neighbours; unsung heroes whose quiet dedication makes them special.

I feel a special kinship to this view of the world: ordinary people doing extraordinary things is what I and many of us here experience every day of the week in our communities across our state. They are important reflections I think.

On a lighter note, it would be remiss of me not to pass on the condolences of my beagle, Billie, to the Queen's beloved dogs, the corgis. I believe two of the surviving corgis, Muick and Sandy, have been mentioned in recent times. She not only had corgis but she had dorgis, which I understand are a very lovely combination of a dachshund and a corgi and are very cute little dogs. I certainly have respected the Queen's views and the Queen's respect for her dogs, her horses and, indeed, her endorsement of the love and care of animals across the world. She is not alone in referring to them as family.

It will be an enduring memory of my time in this place that I was present for this significant piece of history. The proclamation of King Charles III that occurred on the steps of this place on Sunday 11 September was a very special memory, as is this, and as is custom in this place: vale, Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr TARZIA (Hartley) (12:34): I also rise to support the motion. Queen Elizabeth II was such a powerful constant for over 70 years at such a time of extraordinary economic, social and political turbulence right around the world. Her Majesty brought us together during deeply difficult times. Her Majesty served as an outstanding role model for all Australians, and young girls in particular, as we have heard this morning.

I was one of the four billion or so people to watch last night's most fitting, poignant funeral service. I also made sure that my little son, Leonardo, was watching that service, along with my wife. Our son is only 11 months old but, as has been alluded to this morning, it was worth watching because we have truly witnessed one of the most, if not the most, significant series of events in modern history with the passing of a much-loved Queen.

Her Majesty was the first woman in the British royal family to serve in the armed forces and, until her passing, the only head of state to have served in World War II. Much to her father's concerns and protests, then Princess Elizabeth enlisted on her 18th birthday and enrolled in the women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, where she actively served in the critical support role of driver and mechanic. The service of Her Majesty speaks to her true humility. She certainly had the highest of

roles in all the land, but it shows her humility and how she was willing to go out of her way to relate to everyday people.

She understood what it was like to fulfil a duty, to have that calling. She was so committed to her role. Not only was she committed to it but she was extremely good at her job during what was a significantly turbulent and challenging time in the United Kingdom. She took great pride in that service and that dedication to duty and pride and its undertaking above all else—above glory and glamour, above ego. People have certainly spoken to that, and that has defined what was such a distinctive and inspirational monarch as well.

Her Majesty was held in the highest regard right across the world, but held no more highly than right here in Australia. As we have heard this morning, she was noted for her kindness, her stoicism and, most of all, her unwavering dedication to duty. Her record of service is as unparalleled as it is inspirational. There was a deep affection for Her Majesty in Australia and indeed in South Australia, a sentiment that traverses right across our state.

In respect of Queen Elizabeth II's trips to Australia and South Australia, as we have heard, she was perhaps the most travelled individual in recent world history. She extensively travelled Australia and our state. She was the first reigning sovereign of Australia to actually set foot on Australian soil, making her first visit here as Queen in 1954. She arrived in South Australia in March 1954, when then Premier, Thomas Playford, met her at Parafield Airport. She toured throughout Whyalla, Port Lincoln, Renmark and many other locations right across the state.

She fortunately had the pleasure of attending the races at Morphettville. We knew that she loved her horseracing. We will all remember the footage of her winning a race over in England, where she said that it was one of the best days of her life.

An honourable member: Royal Ascot.

Mr TARZIA: Royal Ascot, indeed. I think Estimate was the horse—fitting to the parliament. When she won the Gold Cup, she said that was one of the happiest moments of her life. She loved horseracing so much. Of course, she also enjoyed the cricket here. *The Advertiser* reported back in 1954 that the royal progress through Adelaide was attended by an estimated 300,000 people, which is truly extraordinary and speaks to the love that South Australian people had and continue to have for Her Majesty.

The Queen would also visit South Australia again in 1992, when she met with Premier John Bannon and opened the Lion Arts Centre on North Terrace. She visited for a final time in 2002, when she met with Prime Minister John Howard and they went on to dine together at the Adelaide Festival Centre. She also travelled up to the Barossa to open the Barossa Chateau Queens Rose Garden and the high-care facility at Tanunda Lutheran Home. I was talking to a resident at the Glynde Lutheran retirement village during the week who said to me that he remembers her visit to the Barossa.

Her profile of travel in South Australia alone truly makes you feel as if she were almost one of us, almost an Australian. In many ways she was. This was the striking and captivating effect of Her Majesty. She was truly the dutiful Queen of the people. I can certainly attest that people in my own electorate of Hartley are united in mourning for her passing, and a great many of my constituents have offered their condolences.

In the remaining time, I might speak to some of those. I did my utmost to make sure that I made our condolence books as accessible as possible. As we know, there are some residents with mobility issues, and so what we tried to do was actually go into those residences, go into those retirement villages. I might give a couple of examples of the tributes that my residents have made. One is from a lady called Elizabeth. She says:

My parents knew you would be Queen one day, so I was called Elizabeth too as well as all the other girls who were in my classes at school. When I was 18 my parents, grandparents decided to acknowledge you being Queen, so I had my first drink of sherry.

Another one said:

No words of sympathy can ease the pain of a loved one but warm and cherished memories will remain in your hearts. Condolences to the Royal Family. God bless the Queen, may she RIP.

There is one from Daphne:

I feel very blessed that our dear Queen Elizabeth II was our reigning monarch for 70 years. She was so dedicated and loyal to her duties every day and always with a lovely smile and good sense of humour. I thank her so much for all that she has done for everyone. She is now at peace with her husband and in Heaven...God bless our Queen Elizabeth II.

Judith says:

Condolences to the family. Respect for an outstanding commitment to the Commonwealth. Blessings in Christ.

One from Lorraine reads:

Your Majesty, you have been a constant in my life. Thank you for your service, your duty and your care. Thinking of your family at this time and for the future. Thank you for everything.

There will never be another monarch like Queen Elizabeth II. My thoughts and prayers and the thoughts and prayers of my constituents are also with the royal family. May Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and God save the King.

The Hon. G.G. BROCK (Stuart—Minister for Local Government, Minister for Regional Roads, Minister for Veterans Affairs) (12:43): I also would like to contribute to the condolence motion before us today. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was not destined for the throne. Her parents were Albert, Duke of York—known as Bertie—and Elizabeth, Duchess of York. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary first appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine as Princess Lilibet in 1929, aged three. She became Queen only because the abdication of Edward VIII thrust her father onto the throne as George VI.

In Elizabeth's youth, Britain was recovering from the 1914-1918 war, and the sacrifices of that war generation loomed large. Mindful of the sacrifice so many had made in the Great War, Elizabeth was prepared to be obedient to her royal duty until death. In her 21st birthday broadcast from Cape Town, she said:

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

We can all agree that she kept her word. In the Second World War, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service as Second Subaltern Elizabeth Windsor. For many of us, the Queen was the last living link to the British Empire's finest hour—the battle for civilisation from 1939 to 1945.

I do not think that Australians younger than baby boomers can truly understand the strong bond Australians once felt with the royal family, and it was with that rapture Elizabeth and Prince Philip were greeted on their tour of Australia in 1954.

It seems to some of us long ago and far away. I was four at the time and can still recall waving in excitement as they drove past. Coming from Wandearah, a small community south of Port Pirie, in our Vauxhall Velox, I had no idea of the significance of the event that we were going to. Queen Elizabeth did all she could to avoid the glare of modern media, with only a couple of lapses, until her children made it impossible.

We have heard many recollections and anecdotes in recent days about Her Majesty's humanity and sense of humour. She was known to be straightforward in communicating her wishes. When the organising committee for the London Olympics was thinking about the Queen participating in the James Bond skit, as she did, they were very nervous about how to make an approach. The organisers sought the counsel of Anne, the Princess Royal, who had strong ties to the Olympic movement. Princess Anne is said to have told them, 'I suggest you tell her what you are asking her to do. If she wants to do it, she will agree. If she doesn't, she won't. And that will be the end of the matter.'

Elizabeth was renowned for her thrift, her racehorses being an exception. It is reported that the first newspaper she read each morning was the *Racing Post* followed by *The Daily Telegraph*. Princess Anne has said that the only telephone caller who would be put straight through to her was her racing manager.

The British monarchy as we know it today has lasted almost uninterrupted for a thousand years. The Crown and the system of government and law that developed with it form the basis of the

stable rule of law we enjoy today. The monarchy over the centuries faced dozens of challenges, but still the throne survived. South Australia was settled by the English in the reign of William IV. Owing to the long reigns of Victoria and Elizabeth II, South Australians have been subject to only six crowned monarchs in our 186 years.

In the span of history, the Crown has not been static, yet the Crown has also been a beacon of stability and continuity. It has adapted to society and times. During the reigns of Victoria and Elizabeth II, big changes in society, culture, the economy and government have occurred. The world we know is starkly different from the one into which Elizabeth was born, yet fundamentals still remain: the pillars of constitutional government, parliamentary democracy, the rule of law and respect for private property.

To those who think the monarchy is no longer relevant or appropriate for Australia, it is important to keep its virtues in mind. The way we treat Aboriginal South Australians is an example. We must recognise the faults and failings of the past. We must also acknowledge that our constitution and system of government have been able to move with changing times, as I believe they will again in formally recognising our First Nations people in the constitution.

Although Australia may move to become a republic in time, we must approach the question with caution and a respect for the institutions and stability we have all enjoyed. The system of constitutional monarchy has served us all very well. I can only assume that most of my colleagues here agree or they may not have sworn an oath or affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty and her heirs.

Some have asked why we have the pomp and the circumstance of recent days, the beefeaters in their Tudor era uniforms standing guard, the cavalry and the bands and the coffin on a gun carriage drawn by naval ratings. Among the absurdity of the constant media chatter about who got to stand where in the abbey or what brooch the princess was wearing, there is something compelling and enduring: the pillars of our social contract, the constitutional monarchy, parliamentary government, representative democracy, the courts and the defence forces. To the end, they remain and any future change should be well considered. Elizabeth might justly have said on her deathbed, as in 2 Timothy:

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

That she did. Vale, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Long live King Charles III.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:50): In recent days we have had the news that the Queen is dead, long live the King. With this speech today I want to reflect on the exemplary service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for 70 years and beyond.

Born on 21 April 1926, Elizabeth Alexandra Mary would have never imagined herself to one day be proclaimed Queen of the United Kingdom and other commonwealth realms. Following her uncle Edward's abdication of the throne in 1936, and her father King George VI's untimely death, that day did come for Elizabeth on 6 February 1952 when she was only 25 years old.

After her father became King, Princess Elizabeth was now first in line to the throne. In preparation for when her time would come, she began to study constitutional history and law, receiving lessons from her father and the Vice Provost of Eton College. The Archbishop of Canterbury also assisted in educating the Princess in religion.

A woman of many talents, Princess Elizabeth also learnt French, studied art and music, learned to ride horses and was a strong swimmer. She joined the Girl Guides and later became a Sea Ranger. We all know the Queen had an immense love of horses, and in 1943 she competed at the first Royal Windsor Horse Show, winning the Pony and Dogcart class.

Princess Elizabeth was just 13 when World War II broke out in September 1939 and, along with many other children, she and her sister, Princess Margaret, were evacuated from London. The two were sent to Windsor Castle and, just over a year later, five high explosive bombs were dropped on Buckingham Palace, damaging parts of the building and injuring several workmen. King George VI was advised to evacuate the city to avoid the attacks, but rather than flee the King

and Queen remained at the palace in solidarity with the rest of the Londoners who were living through the Blitz.

Ever since the war broke out, Princess Elizabeth was determined to be involved and 'do her bit'. In 1940, Princess Elizabeth gave her first address as part of the BBC's *Children's Hour*. Her address was directed at the thousands of children who had been separated from their families in an effort to boost morale.

Food was scarce during the war as the importation of produce was threatened by enemy ships and submarines. To combat this problem, the British Ministry of Agriculture launched the Dig for Victory campaign, encouraging people to grow their own food in gardens and allotments. This campaign resulted in the creation of 3½ million allotments over the duration of the war, and it was one that Princess Elizabeth gladly took part in, even being photographed tending her allotments at Windsor Castle.

When she turned 18 in 1944, Princess Elizabeth insisted on joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), which was the women's branch of the British Army, much to her father's displeasure. She enrolled in a driving and vehicle maintenance course where she was taught mechanics theory, map reading, and how to service, maintain and drive heavy Army vehicles at the ATS No. 1 Mechanical Transport Training Centre. She would work for seven hours a day during her training, and after five months of training as a mechanic and military truck driver the Princess was promoted to the rank of honorary Junior Commander, the equivalent of Captain.

The war ended before Princess Elizabeth was able to put any of her new skills to practical use; however, she still graduated as a fully qualified driver, completing a solo journey from Surrey to London in a heavy vehicle as her final test. Even in her 80s and 90s, the Queen was often seen behind the wheel and was known to diagnose and repair faulty engines, just as she had done during her wartime service.

Military service was something that ran in the family. The Queen's husband, Prince Philip, served in the Royal Navy, as did her son Prince Andrew, while the new King Charles served in both the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. Her grandson Prince William served for more than seven years as a search-and-rescue pilot. Prince Harry served in the British Army for 10 years and completed two tours of Afghanistan.

Throughout her life, the Queen witnessed many major world events. As per the constitution, she had to remain firmly outside the realm of politics; however, this rule was famously broken when Queen Elizabeth expressed her concerns about the Falklands War. She said, 'The conflict in the Falkland Islands was thrust on us by naked aggression, and we are naturally proud of the way our fighting men are serving their country.'

The Queen always maintained a close relationship with the armed forces, regularly making visits to service establishments and ships and holding numerous military appointments and honorary ranks with organisations across the UK and the commonwealth. In Australia, she was Air Commodore-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve and Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps, Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Australian Engineers and Royal Australian Infantry Corps. She was the Captain General of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery and the patron of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

The Queen was responsible for awarding various military honours and, in 2009, introduced a medal named after herself: the Elizabeth Cross. It is given to the next of kin of armed forces personnel who have died in military operations or as a result of terrorism since 1948, as a way of formally recognising their loss. As of August 2018, 2,750 Elizabeth Cross medals had been awarded since its inception in 2009. I am sure there have been more since then, but this is the most up-to-date figure I could find.

The Queen was a seasoned traveller, having visited over 100 countries in her lifetime and logging 285 official tours. It was important for her to visit British allies and the 54 commonwealth countries she was the head of. Her first visit to Australia was on 3 February 1954, at the age of 27. She would go on to develop a great affection for Australia and its people, which saw her return to our country a further 15 times during her reign. In 2011, Queen Elizabeth visited Australia for the last

time, in what was named her 'farewell tour'. South Australia was lucky enough to welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on seven occasions: in 1954, 1963, 1977, 1981, 1986, 1992 and 2002.

As we have seen with the vast coverage of her death in these past weeks, and earlier this year with her platinum jubilee celebrations, Queen Elizabeth II was truly loved right across the world. We saw that love echoed last night with the broadcast of her funeral. She was the longest reigning British monarch in history, and never again will we witness such a long and exemplary reign. I wish King Charles III all the best. Vale, Queen Elizabeth. May God save the King.

Sitting suspended from 12:59 to 14:00.

The Hon. L.W.K. BIGNELL (Mawson) (14:00): I rise today to pass on my condolences to the members of the royal family who, like the rest of the commonwealth, and indeed the rest of the world, are terribly saddened by the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, who was such an important figure in all of our lives.

Since her passing, it has been really interesting to note how she transcended so many generations, from young children through to older South Australians. I have seen in my own electorate people who have signed the condolence book at my office. When I have taken it around to the local football finals and taken it to retirement villages and aged-care facilities, people have been so keen to pass on their message of love and thanks and gratitude to the royal family.

We have with us today a group of young leaders, the middle year leaders from Kangaroo Island Community Education, years 8 and 9 students. They have actually written their own condolence motion and asked me to read it in here so it is on the record, and these great young leaders from Kangaroo Island speak on behalf of so many of their generation. I was just talking to them then about how the Queen had a really big impact on their lives because she has been their Queen their whole lives, but she has been the Queen my whole life as well at 56, and there are people who are 70 and she was their Queen for so long as well.

I would like to read the condolence letter for Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II that has been written by the students from Kangaroo Island:

The Middle Years Leadership Students from Kangaroo Island Community Education would like to offer their heartfelt condolences to all members of the Royal Family at this sad time. As members of the Commonwealth, we have lost a strong, powerful, transformative leader who led with her heart, hands and head. An empowering role model for all women who showed courage and determination to create a better world throughout her reign. Her Royal Highness will be missed, but the mark she has made on the world will endure.

I do not think anyone could have put it better than you students, so thank you very much for those wonderful words. With that, I would like to pass on my condolences to the royal family. Vale, Queen Elizabeth II. Long live the King.

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The SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Mawson. I do welcome students from Kangaroo Island Community Education and teachers Alex Smith, Kathryn Harrison, Louise Snowball and Conrad Tickner.

Address to His Majesty the King

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Mr WHETSTONE (Chaffey) (14:02): I, too, rise to contribute to the condolence motion. For me, it has mixed emotions. Affectionately known as Queen Elizabeth II, after her passing there has been much sadness right around the world because of the contribution she has made to humanity and the goodwill of man and woman.

Her reign and giving of service for 70-plus years ran through feast and famine, she reigned through conflict and also great achievement. I think we need to recognise that her stability is something we have not seen, I do not think, in the modern era. We look around the world at some of the interference politically. We look around the world for economic gain, but she was a constant. For

me, not only was her life dedicated to public service, and she was a true leader in the modern era, but she was a beacon of stability.

Her Majesty will be admired for her strength, her stability, her guidance and, importantly, her humour and humility. There needs to be that balance, and I think she did demonstrate that all so well. She had an ability to command our attention. It was never demanding respect; I think the respect was just a given on a day-to-day basis. Whenever she presented, whether it was through transcript or whether it was through a media forum, we all paid attention. We all sat up and listened because she did it for good reason and for our betterment.

What I would like to do is just make a small contribution about her royal tour, particularly here to South Australia but, just as importantly, in 1954 the royal tour of Renmark. It was on Thursday, 25 March 1954 and the significant South Australian figures at the time were the Governor, His Excellency Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert George; the Premier, the Hon. Thomas Playford; and the member for Chaffey was William MacGillivray. He was the first member for Chaffey and served the term from 1938 to 1956 and I do not think anyone is going to run him down.

Over that time line, the visit at 10.44am, the royal plane flew from Parafield Airport to Renmark Airport, arriving at 11.27am. She and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, were greeted at Renmark Airport by the State Royal Tour Director, Mr M.A.F. Pearce, and driven to the corner of Eighteenth Street and Renmark Avenue, where she changed into an open car. She was greeted by three Scouts who had been selected to open her car doors: one each from Renmark, Berri and Barmera.

At 11.44am, the royal progress commenced. The crowd was six people deep on either side of the road as she made her way up Renmark Avenue onto Ral Ral Avenue towards the Renmark oval. Passing the Renmark hospital, she waved to patients and nurses who had gathered outside. For those of you who know the Renmark hospital, it is on a flood plain and it is some way from the Renmark oval, so that was testament to her inclusiveness.

At 11.55am, she reached the Renmark oval, where she was greeted by 25,000 spectators who were gathered at the oval, including 5,000 children who lined the oval and the then cycling track. The town of Renmark Mayor, Stanley James, and the Mayoress were presented to the Queen, along with 36 local Renmark residents. Riverland officials and their wives were also presented to the Queen, following an inspection of ex-servicemen and schoolchildren.

Finally, she welcomed a display of local produce before departing for Mildura at 1 o'clock. During her speech, Her Majesty highlighted the pride and dedication of Riverlanders, saying:

Our visit here will always remind us of what can be achieved by the use of natural resources in what must perhaps have originally appeared difficult and unpromising surroundings...That settlers, including so many ex-servicemen, should have found a profitable and useful way of life on the banks of Australia's main waterway is evidence of the ingenuity and hard work...For they have succeeded in harnessing nature's resources to achieve a wonderful result.

Today, I am very proud to be living in the Riverland, living in Chaffey. Chaffey was the premium food bowl then and, standing the test of time, Chaffey is still South Australia's premium food bowl today.

I would also like to acknowledge the current King's representative in South Australia, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC, for the great work that she does. Also, I would like to pay tribute to those who have not only come to my electorate office, as the condolence book was also at the Riverland field days. The inclement weather did not keep people away, and I must say that they were lined up at my stand at the field days to make a contribution in the condolence book. I think that condolence book will almost be full by now, which just shows the respect the Riverlanders have for the Queen.

I pass on my condolences to the family, and I pass on my condolences to the world: they have lost a great leader and they have lost a great human being who has stood the test of time. Sadly, as all of us know, life is not forever and the Queen is no exception. God save the King.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER (Wright—Minister for Education, Training and Skills) (14:09): I also rise to support this motion and appreciate the opportunity that has been provided to members of this place today not only to share our own observations and reflections at this really important time

but also I think, even more importantly, to share some of the messages of condolence that have been written by the constituents we represent here. I will be very pleased do that in a moment, but first I thought I might just start with some of my own observations about the last 10 days.

Even for someone like me, who was born at the start of the 1980s and so saw a good 40 years of Queen Elizabeth's rule, it has still come as something of a surprise to see the extent of the outpouring of grief and people's feelings of emotion which have come to the surface and which have been shared in a whole series of ways, whether that is by leaving messages in condolence books provided by local members of parliament or by watching the funeral service and reading stories and sharing memories on social media about the time they were able to see Her Majesty.

Perhaps I should not be quite so surprised in terms of the outpouring of grief I have seen from constituents in the seat of Wright. Those other members in this place who are familiar with the area or who represent areas around it will know that it is still very heavily populated with people who emigrated from the United Kingdom. In fact, when people who are not familiar with the area comment to me—which happens quite regularly—that the seat of Wright and the seats around it appear quite white and monocultural, I always remark that the seat of Wright is a very multicultural seat because I have constituents from England, Scotland and Ireland—

Mr Odenwalder: Country and western.

The Hon. B.I. BOYER: —that's right—which of course is a generalisation, but it has reminded me of the number of people I represent who were born in the United Kingdom and, of course, the many people who are younger than my age whose parents were born in the United Kingdom.

The comments which have been left and which I am about to read out do reflect the very deep attachment that many people I represent had to Her Majesty. I guess that she was a constant in so many people's lives where there was otherwise not anything constant. There was change everywhere in their lives around them—societal change, cultural change—but Queen Elizabeth II remained there through it all.

These are just a few comments in particular I thought I might read in from the condolence book we had at the electorate office in the seat of Wright. It was also taken to some nearby retirement villages to give people who were not able to come to the office the opportunity to leave their condolence messages. Adam wrote:

[Rest in peace] Your Majesty. Thank you for 70 years as our Queen—

And this is a recurring theme, I must say, and I know that the member for Elizabeth will touch on this as well.

—proud to be from Elizabeth named in your honour.

That certainly reflects that many of the people I represent were born in the Elizabeth suburb but might now live in Salisbury East, Golden Grove or Wynn Vale. They have commented that they are proud to have grown up in a suburb named after Queen Elizabeth II. Judy wrote:

Thank you for your wonderful commitment to us all over 70 years.

Barbara, Kristen, Chelsea and Ethel wrote:

Ma'am, what a remarkable life you have had. There are no words to describe the legacy you have left. I feel so lucky to have had you as my Queen for all my life (60 years) and for that of my children, now young adults. Mum is now 97 [years of age] and was [very much] hoping for a letter from you on her 100th birthday. You will never be forgotten.

Richard wrote:

You have been the best leader that I can remember. You have been an example to other World Leaders. You will be dearly missed by the millions of people who know what you represented as a figure to be admired.

Stan and Mary wrote:

[Rest in peace] after many years of work and devotion. You did it your way.

Dawn of St Agnes wrote:

...thank you for all your service - done with respect and elegance. May you find happiness back with your beloved Duke. You will be missed.

Joanne wrote:

Thank you for being our Queen for all these years. You meant so much to so many people. Finally you have a day off and are reunited with your beloved Phillip.

Charmaine wrote:

I feel proud and honoured to grow up and be educated in Elizabeth. A city named after you. Thank you for your service. A truly wonderful servant...

Bev of Salisbury East wrote:

Thank you so much for your loyal service. You have truly been a wonderful Queen. United with your family again.

From Kate and Ray:

Thank you for your love and wisdom. Thank you for leading the commonwealth to become a family of love and kindness. You hold a special place in each of our lives and your memory will live on with us all. Rest in everlasting peace...

Jean of Salisbury East wrote:

Thank you for being my wonderful Queen. You have done a magnificent job for us all and I am so proud to have been one of your subjects.

Emma wrote:

Well done good and faithful servant. Thank you for your service, your grace, your loyalty.

From Barb and Bob:

As long as we have lived you have been our Queen. Thank you. Together with your prince again.

Heather wrote:

You will never be forgotten. You will be remembered for centuries.

Judy wrote:

A very brave, beautiful lady. Will be sadly missed.

From Rebecca:

My heartfelt condolences to you and the whole family. We will miss you terribly. Her service to the UK, the commonwealth is very appreciated. Wishing you a long reign, King Charles III.

And, finally, from Pauline:

Thank you Your Majesty for your tireless lifelong duty to your people and the commonwealth. You set a fine example to leaders across the world. Condolences to [you and your] entire family.

That is just a selection of the condolence messages that have been left in the book I provided in the seat of Wright. I think that it makes clear the depth of attachment that people felt to the monarch even when, in most cases, she was not someone they had met.

The member for Stuart commented earlier that he was four years old (I do not want to give away his age, but I am about to) in 1954 and managed to stand by the side of the road and see Queen Elizabeth drive past. He said that he was in the back of the car with his parents and that at four years of age did not really understand the magnitude of the occasion but was overwhelmed by the number of people who were there to pay their respects in what was a part of South Australia that was and really still remains quite remote. Back then, it certainly was a strongly regional area. That stayed with the member for Stuart this whole time.

People have left messages with me and anecdotes have been passed on to me in my capacity as a local member of parliament from people who have really hung onto the opportunities they have had to see Queen Elizabeth in person. A lot of people, I think, have used different parts of her very long reign as almost an indicator of other things that have happened in their lives, which is a testament to the fact that she served for such an incredibly long period of time.

Other members have shared their observations on this already this morning. It was a reign that outlasted wars and conflicts all over the globe, it outlasted presidents and prime ministers, it outlasted numerous cultural and social trends and, of course, it outlasted the lives of so many of her subjects as well.

To me, as someone born when Queen Elizabeth II had already served on the throne for about 30 years, the thing that I find incredible and that I personally reflected on when I heard of her passing is that this person was still in an international and global public leadership role and had a very public role during the Second World War. To people in this place, and certainly to me, it feels so long ago, and the fact that she maintained a presence in global affairs and people's lives across all the things that have changed in the world from 1945 to now is very hard to comprehend.

I will finish by saying that I will remember her as someone who was a female leader, and a strong one, in a time when that was so incredibly rare. Across all the years that she reigned, she showed that you can lead and you can be a powerful and strong leader with a sense of quiet dignity, determination and hard work. I think that is a lesson to all leaders, including those in this place—that there is a way to make your point, to effect change and to be seen as a strong leader without some of the carry-on that we see from some of the other leaders across world. She was, I think, an exemplar of that. Vale, Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr BATTY (Bragg) (14:19): I, too, rise to add my condolences and those of the people I represent in Bragg to His Majesty the King and to the royal family on this very sad occasion. 'People are touched by events which have their roots far across the world.' Those words, which were spoken by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her 2008 Christmas address, have perhaps never been truer than over the past two weeks. The world was brought to a standstill on 8 September 2022 as we learned of the death of our sovereign the Queen. The pain of her loss is carried by many, including those here in South Australia who have been as much the beneficiaries of her service and her devotion as anyone, despite being some 16,000 kilometres away from Balmoral.

Since then, we have come together to mourn the loss of a life. We have done so through countless acts of solitary reflection and through many acts of public commemoration, but we have come together not just to mourn but also to celebrate, to celebrate what has been an incredible life of service and to celebrate the duty, the devotion and the dignity of Her late Majesty's unparalleled reign.

Two weeks ago, and just two days before her death, I stood in this place and swore an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I may very well be the last of her parliamentarians to ever do so, but I certainly was not the first. Indeed, in this house alone, 280 members have sworn an oath to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, with the first being Mr John Stephen Clark, who was sworn in as the member for Gawler over 70 years ago in June 1952. What this very local example shows us is the incredible breadth and span of Her late Majesty's service. As many have remarked, for most Her late Majesty has been the only monarch we have ever known.

For over seven decades Her late Majesty was an enduring constant in an ever-changing world. Her reign saw the start of wars and it saw the end of wars and it saw the worst of humans and the best of humanity, but whatever the season she inspired, she led, she comforted and she served, and it is this sense of service that I will most remember.

In her 21st birthday speech, Her late Majesty said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'. Thankfully, we now know it was a long life and thankfully we know that she stood by that promise of devotion to service.

At her coronation, Her Majesty pledged her service to us and earlier this year, on the happy occasion of her platinum jubilee, sought to renew that pledge. She said then that her life will always be devoted to our service, and she looked forward to continuing to serve us with all her heart, and she did so to the very end, inviting a new prime minister to form a government just two days before her passing.

During my own three years of living and working in the United Kingdom, I had the privilege of being able to observe some of that service at close proximity. My time there coincided with the COVID pandemic. Every day we would awaken to news of how many more hundreds of people had

died at the hands of the virus. We did so alone and we did so isolated, but we were not really alone and isolated, which is something that I realised as Her late Majesty the Queen one evening lit up the televisions of dark lounge rooms across the country. She said:

We will succeed—and that success will belong to every one of us. We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again.

I cannot overstate the enormous hope and the enormous comfort that those words brought to a country that at that time was fearful and was downcast.

Her late Majesty always also had an eye on her realms beyond the United Kingdom. Indeed, her first public engagement after England came out of lockdown last year was a small service at the Air Forces Memorial in Runnymede to celebrate the centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force and to commemorate those who lost their lives in World War II. I had the privilege of watching on as Her Majesty met with a number of young RAAF personnel embedded with the RAF who attended the event. It was clearly a very special moment for each and every one of those RAAF personnel, but it also appeared to be a very special moment for Her Majesty. The Queen of Australia demonstrated genuine interest in those young men and women and a genuine appreciation for their service.

In the course of organising that engagement, the Australian High Commissioner commented to Her Majesty's Assistant Private Secretary how delighted we were that the Queen had selected our invitation from among the many thousands she would have received for her first post-lockdown event, and he replied by telling us how excited the Queen was about the event. He said, 'Like everyone else, she's been locked down for more than a year, she's bored to death and she can't wait to come. And she loves Australia.' As the Leader of the Opposition has remarked, she was as normal as she was remarkable.

It is certainly true that the Queen loved Australia, and this fondness extended to South Australia. Following seven trips under 15 premiers and 14 governors, it is no surprise that the Queen has left her mark on our state and that many South Australians, including the many who have signed the condolence books in my own office, feel an undeniable connection to her. She pledged her service to us, just as so many of us here pledged our service to her.

There are two final reflections I want to make about the nature of Her late Majesty's service. The first is her attitude to service and those who serve in our community. She was determined to celebrate everyday people—not necessarily those who have sought fame, saved lives or won medals, but ordinary people whom she described as doing extraordinary things.

As I embark on my own new career in this place, I can learn from Her late Majesty how often we can draw strength from these people: the volunteers, the carers, the community organisers and the good neighbours. Her late Majesty described them as unsung heroes and noted that it was their quiet dedication that makes them special. All of us here know these people and all of us here draw inspiration from these people.

The second reflection is the young age at which it was Her Majesty's duty to assume leadership. In her first public broadcast in 1940, she said that 'it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place'. These words are salient for us, the children of this house, as we follow in Her late Majesty's example and provide leadership to create an even better future for those who will follow us.

With those reflections, I add my sincere condolences and those of the people of Bragg to His Majesty the King and the royal family on what is an enormously sad occasion. In this time of grief, I take comfort and draw strength from Her late Majesty's unparalleled legacy of duty, devotion and dignity. We thank you for a lifetime of service. God save the King.

The Hon. A. MICHAELS (Enfield—Minister for Small and Family Business, Minister for Consumer and Business Affairs, Minister for Arts) (14:28): I also rise to express my heartfelt condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and the royal family on the passing of our sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II.

In recent weeks, we have heard from people from all walks of life about their personal experiences with the Queen. I was not fortunate to ever meet the Queen in person, but I do recall the royal visit in 1986, when I was in primary school. The royal route for the Queen and Prince Philip saw them travel along Port Road at the time when I was a student at Kilkenny Primary School. As a school, we lined the side of Port Road to catch a mere glimpse of the Queen as she passed us by. Such was the power of the Queen's influence that merely seeing her pass by has remained with me for all these years.

There was so much to Queen Elizabeth and her reign. The world may never again see a leader who is quite as special as she has been. As the longest serving sovereign of the commonwealth, she became a constant and steady figure in all our lives.

In 1952, when the Queen ascended to the throne at just 25 years of age, the world was in a state of flux. Just seven years after the end of World War II, the United Kingdom and many other commonwealth countries were facing a significant task of rebuilding. The commonwealth emerged from the destruction of World War II under the gaze of a young queen. At a time when women did not traditionally hold such positions, the Queen did so with poise and authority.

The Queen has shown for 70 years how women can lead with authority, and she has been a source of inspiration for many generations of young women who have aspired to hold leadership positions. The Queen led by example. She held onto cherished traditions while embracing progress. There have been few monarchs or world leaders who have faced so many challenges and managed so much change.

She oversaw the rebuilding of the United Kingdom following the war and its repositioning within geopolitics through the Cold War and beyond. She reigned over 16 Australian and 15 UK prime ministers, noting only four of those were women. Gaby Hinsliff from *The Guardian* said: 'The Queen pulled off the rare trick for a woman of exercising profound influence without inciting a backlash.' She did that and it is a rare trick.

The Queen led through a constant change of technology, coming to the throne at the birth of television and embracing new forms of communication as they developed. She showed us how to manage change, whether it was good or bad. She saw her family through divorces, death and conflict and all the while keeping her head above the fray throughout. She emerged more loved and respected, despite these headwinds.

The Queen will be remembered for her dedication to a life of service. On her 21st birthday, the then Princess Elizabeth made the following vow:

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

It is a vow she lived by right until the end of her very long life, appointing the UK's new Prime Minister just two days before she passed. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be missed. God rest her and God save the King.

Mr BASHAM (Finniss) (14:31): I also rise to support the motion of condolence on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away on 8 September 2022 at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, aged 96.

Her Majesty was born in London on 21 April 1926, and she became heir to the throne at age 10. She married her strength and stay, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in November 1947 and became Queen in 1952 aged 25. Her Majesty reigned for 70 years, the longest reigning monarch in British history, matched and supported by her husband of 74 years, the longest serving consort, until his death in 2021 aged 99 years.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant presence through more time and significant change than I have lived or have memory of. The world changed, technology advanced beyond imagining, leaders came and went, but Her Majesty was consistent in values, humility and presence, embracing the adventure of a changing world with some humour and great diplomacy. At the age of 21, she committed to a life of service and later declared, 'I do not regret nor retract one word of it.'

When Her Majesty was 35, she had seen and actually made the first trunk call for British Telecom, using a dial telephone, and television started broadcasting in Australia. In those early years of her reign, the first commercial jet passenger flight occurred, as did the birth of electronic computing and the start of the space age. Also, there was the end of the Winston Churchill era, Everest was conquered by Sir Edmund Hillary, Bannister beat the four-minute mile, Elvis transformed the music world, and there was war in the Suez Canal and bomb testing on Christmas Island and here in South Australia at Maralinga.

Then, in the 1960s, we saw Russia leading the space race, the Kennedys visit London, man land on the Moon, the Beatles receive an Order of the British Empire and the youth culture with money to spend on music, clothes and freedom. We saw the escalation of the IRA and the first Concorde flight. Elton John became a royal favourite. We saw the introduction of decimal currency in Australia.

The UK became a member of the common market in 1972, which we saw result in a huge loss in Australia's access to agricultural markets, in particular butter and beef. We saw prices here in Australia fall enormously. We saw oil refining in the North Sea grow. We saw travel abroad as possible and become the norm. Sport success flourished. We saw the first test tube baby. Unrest followed high inflation, with industrial action. Strikes stopped transport, school, rubbish collection, and even undertakers throughout parts of the world.

In the 1980s, we saw the Queen wear black as she visited the Vatican. We saw the wedding of Prince Charles give the public hope, followed by a war in Argentina as they invaded the Falklands. Members of the royal family served in the military, bonding people to the monarch. We saw famine in Africa. We saw the Berlin Wall come down. We saw the first mobile phone. It was on 9 August 1981 here in Australia that the first mobile call was made—that was a car phone that weighed a whopping 14 kilos, was half a metre long and cost about \$5,000 at the time, which in today's money is about \$17,000. It could only store 16 numbers, but the best part was that when you had a call come in your horn honked and your lights flashed.

In 1990, Mandela is president and South Africa returns to the commonwealth. The first British astronauts go into space. Women are ordained in the Church of England for the first time. The Queen quietly demonstrated constantly that she was the equal of any man—and she also surfed the net. In 2000 we saw the terrorism of September 11, the Afghanistan war, Iran/Iraq. We saw a credit crunch, leaders with ethical values of society as Her Majesty championed many different faiths.

In 2010, Kate Middleton and William married. We saw Barack Obama. We saw the Queen visit Ireland after 100 years, and to go from the conflict there with the IRA to being able to have a Queen visit was an amazing credit to the Queen. We certainly saw the Olympic Games in 2012, with the very memorable skit with James Bond and the Queen jumping out of a helicopter to open the Games. We very much saw the modernising of the monarchy, and certainly its engagement with people was enormous.

We have seen, effectively, the return away from the common market in 1972 to the separation from the European Union in 2020. We saw COVID. We saw Prince Philip being lost to Her Majesty. Through all these changes Her Majesty has provided a safety net of governance in a respectful and forward-thinking manner, yet she has engaged with her people and strived to serve in the best way at all times.

In the seat of Finnis, we have seen significant change. I was not able to go back far enough to the start of her reign to look at the population numbers, but the township of Victor Harbor in 1966 was just over 3,000; it is now just under 15,000. The township of Mount Compass was 176 people; it is now 1,500 plus. We saw the town of Goolwa only just being over 550 people; it is now over 7,000. Port Elliot, likewise, was only a bit over 550 people; it is now closer to 2,500. We have seen an enormous change in populations in the seat of Finnis in that time.

We have also seen quite an amazing number of premiers. We have seen 14 premiers in South Australia during her reign. We have seen 15 governors. In the seat of Finnis we have seen only five people represent the area, either as the member for Finnis or, as its predecessor, the member for Alexandra.

We had David Brookman, who served from 1948, a couple of years before the Queen took the throne, right through until 1973. Then we had Ted Chapman, the father of Vickie Chapman, who was there from 1973 through to 1992. Then we had the Hon. Dean Brown, former Premier, from 1992 to 2006. Most recently, we had Michael Pengilly from 2006 until I was elected in 2018.

On behalf of the people of Finnis, whom I am certainly here to represent, I send my condolences to the royal family and all who are mourning the loss of a life well lived in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our heartfelt support and care are with His Majesty King Charles III as he navigates his loss and the public duties. I commend the motion to the house. Long live the King.

The Hon. N.D. CHAMPION (Taylor—Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Planning) (14:40): I rise to express my sorrow and condolences on the passing of Her Royal Highness Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and, as other members have done, to reflect on that extraordinarily long reign of 70 years and 214 days. I think we all know and understand the concept of service for a short period of time, but this was a lifetime of service and a lifetime of commitment to the community and, most importantly, a lifetime of commitment to constitutional government.

In terms of service, other members have quoted Her Majesty's initial remarks on the nature of service and on her dedicating her whole life to service as the monarch. When we talk about the sheer number of nations of which she was head of state, it was not just the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka but also 32 other independent nations. It was a truly extraordinary service, not just to the United Kingdom but to the entirety of the commonwealth. In so many ways, she held the commonwealth together and made it a profoundly modern aspect of world affairs.

We also know that she saw 16 Australian prime ministers, 14 US presidents, 15 United Kingdom prime ministers and some 15 premiers. That puts the context of her service into stark relief in so many ways. It shows how extraordinarily long it was, when you think about the passing of governments, prime ministers and generations of politicians across the world, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was the monarch for that whole time. It is just an extraordinary length of service for one person to give not just to the United Kingdom but to the entirety of the commonwealth. If there is a strength to monarchy, if there is a reflection we can make about constitutional monarchies, that strength is best represented by this extraordinarily long reign and this life of service.

Her commitment to the community is often talked about. I was born in Elizabeth. I was the son of an English migrant. I know just how much the people of Elizabeth and the northern suburbs more generally feel about Queen Elizabeth. It is a deep and enduring loyalty, fondness and affection that held up right the way through, since her first visit in 1963 to Elizabeth all the way through to this moment. Of course, during the republican referendum, Elizabeth voted no, I think relatively uniquely amongst the Labor seats. That affection really did hold true the whole time.

The Premier reflected on the 200,000 people who lined Main North Road in 1953. When Queen Elizabeth visited Elizabeth in 1963, it was an extraordinarily hot day and the *Canberra Times* recorded that some 500 people had to be treated for heatstroke on the day. It gives you an idea of the loyalty, affection and commitment that the people of Elizabeth had to Her Majesty, and also the fact that Her Majesty came on such an extraordinarily hot day.

She famously opened the Fire and Earth fountain in Windsor Green and made that dedication. The fountain had a whole life of its own, believe it or not. It was both lost and found. It was re-found during her reign and was rededicated in 2017. It had been in storage for some time after Windsor Green was demolished. It gives you some reflections about just how long her reign was that these very important civic features that she opened had a whole life of their own during that time.

It was not just Elizabeth; she made many trips around Australia, many trips around the world, and held the commonwealth together with her very sensible and measured use of diplomacy, in particular, personal diplomacy. It is an intangible quality, I think, and one that we should reflect on.

Finally, I would like to reflect on her commitment to constitutional government, which I think, given her long reign of 70 years and the coming and going of governments and politicians, we tend

to take for granted. Government and democracy are our most magnificent creations, but also our most fragile. I think Her Majesty reflected stability in an age of instability. We are now in a very different time than we were even 10 years ago.

She also put in place and reflected responsibility in an age of irresponsibility, and that is why there is such affection. It is not just an affection for her service or her commitment or her life, the linking of that extraordinary period from World War II to now, or her father, King George, who helped save the world from fascism, but also that she was a solid constitutional monarch in a time when everything seemed up for grabs.

I think we should all reflect on that and try to emulate it as best we can: being responsible, giving service to the community, being humble and being measured. When you see the number of prime ministers she had to swear in and see come and go and have audiences with, you know that she was the foundation stone of our modern democratic form in the commonwealth. With those remarks, I would obviously say vale, Elizabeth II, and God save the King.

Mrs HURN (Schubert) (14:48): I rise today to speak to the motion of His Majesty King Charles III. I was honoured just a few short months ago, as a new member in this place, to swear allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At that time, it seemed quite unthinkable that the Queen, who had reigned over us for 70 years, would pass. She seemed like an eternal, almost familial presence in our lives. To be honest, I could not quite find the right Bible verse or proverb or saying that could really sum up the passing of Queen Elizabeth that would give proper veneration to the length and breadth of her truly extraordinary reign because the simple truth is that there is not one.

It is hard to conceive, from this point in time and from our part of the world, the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II: born to a father who was not meant to be king, serving in a war that threatened the very existence of Britain and the values of freedom and democracy that we all hold very dear, and becoming Queen at the age of 26 years old in a postwar world of incredible and rapid political, economic and technological change. Although she was born into the family that would eventually assume the Crown, she did not shirk her duty. She chose to devote herself to a life of service, to shoulder that significant responsibility, and that is not something that everyone would do. Indeed, there are others who have chosen a different path.

The Queen lived a true life of service to Britain and the commonwealth and as Queen of Australia—as she said herself, dedicating her whole life, however long that may be, to service. Despite the grandiosity of monarchy, it appeared to me as though the Queen had a genuine sense of humility and respect for people, and that respect was certainly reciprocal for all of us.

I am convinced that although she was born in Mayfair, London, she was a country girl at heart with an obvious passion for the outdoors and certainly a very well-documented passion for horses and racing. Balmoral, in particular, seemed to be a place of strong reflection and rejuvenation for Her late Majesty—a place for her to relax, to walk in the Highlands, to be with her dogs and just to really enjoy the simple things in life, away from the public eye.

Having a place in nature to catch your breath is certainly something that I recognise and that the people in my community of Schubert really understand. In some ways, I hope that the Queen's passing at Balmoral brings a sense of calmness and comfort to the royal family, who have lost a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a matriarch.

Her Majesty attended thousands of engagements and functions as part of her duties. I recall so many images of her beaming smile and perfectly matched outfits, projecting a true sense of occasion that comes with being the monarch, but she did not seem to allow that to become a separating wall of formality. She was able to connect with people from all walks of life, and it was evident that that was something she really did pride herself on. Many have reflected on her ability to put people at ease and that she would take a particular delight in those unscripted moments when carefully planned events go awry. It gave us all a fantastic glimmer into her wicked sense of humour.

It is hard to believe that she was just a person who had to battle through the same emotions that we all have to: through joy, through life's milestones and through loss. In her case, rather than being able to hide away from it all, she was the first person people looked to, a formidable woman

offering a sense of stability that we have all become so accustomed to. It is in that context that I really feel the loss of Her Majesty the Queen.

During her remarkable 70-year reign, Her Majesty experienced unbelievable social change. She assumed the throne after the devastation of World War II, and her reign encompassed such moments as the Apollo 11 Moon landing, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the dismantling of apartheid, the 9/11 attacks and, of course, the COVID-19 pandemic, to name but a few.

Through all of this, like all of us, she experienced significant and heartbreaking loss: her father, King George VI; her mother; her sister, Margaret; and, of course, her soulmate, her strength and stay, Prince Philip; along with many others. Despite those losses, she got on with the job. She kept calm and carried on, as many of us do after periods of grief, but we are not in the public eye to such an extraordinary extent as the Queen, under constant scrutiny.

Throughout global times of challenge, she really earned the respect of many leaders right around the world, many of whom attended her funeral overnight, and she earned it through a truly unstoppable, yet gentle, devotion to duty. She worked with 16 Australian prime ministers, from Sir Robert Menzies to Anthony Albanese, and 15 British prime ministers, from Sir Winston Churchill to Liz Truss, whom she swore in just days before her passing—an example of her serving us right till the very end. Regardless of your personal views on the monarchy, how could she be anything other than an adviser of incredible knowledge and insight for those leaders, having lived the life that she did?

On several occasions, the Barossa Valley has been graced by the presence of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: in 1954, in 1977 and the last time in 2002. From banquets in the Long Room underneath the Kaiser Stuhl in Nuriootpa to opening the rose garden at Chateau Barossa, as it was known, to visiting the Tanunda Lutheran Home and, of course, a visit to the late Colin Hayes at Lindsay Park Stud, it was clear that Her Majesty had a special connection with our region and we with her. I am sure that all those people who met with Her Majesty during her visits or waved from afar will look back with many fond memories.

The truth is that many have clear and distinctive memories about their brush with the late Queen, but the closest I have is my late grandfather, Brian Hurn, who was mayor of the Barossa in 2002. He had dinner with her and my late grandmother, Gillian Hurn (née Keynes), and they often reflected on the pure joy that gave them both.

While I never met the Queen, nevertheless she gave us a sense of stability and, as head of state, a sense of continuity, overseeing a form of democratic government in Westminster that has been enduring and stable, unlike so many other forms around the world. In my office in Tanunda, our locals have been streaming in to offer their words of condolence to the royal family, and I too would like to share some of those. Lorraine says:

An amazing lady our Queen, served us as she promised right to the end.

Carolyn said:

A devoted, caring and respected mother, grandma and great-grandma and Queen. I loved her beautiful smile, it would light up the room, I loved her sense of humour. Thank you for your service and love for your countries. Reunited with her husband, now at eternal rest.

Natalie said:

Thank you Ma'am for your lifetime of service and inspiring us all with your grace, courage, dignity and wicked sense of humour.

Evan said:

God bless the Queen and God save the King and thank you for a job well done.

As you can see from these messages, people in my community do feel a true sense of loss. It is hard to put into words the steadiness, the constant, the matriarch and the sovereign. We have seen the raw emotion that has been felt right around the world, the thousands of Britons who lined the streets to farewell the Queen last night and the well over four billion who tuned into her funeral.

Yet there is also a family that has lost their mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my electorate in Schubert, are with the royal family as they grapple with her passing and the enormous challenges to come. Rest in peace, Your Majesty, and may God save the King.

Mr ELLIS (Narungga) (14:58): Such has been the incredible outpouring of emotion and support over the past two weeks or 10 days that there is very little left to be said about the Queen and her service over the past 70 years. It has been truly incredible to see the sheer number of stories and interactions that have graced our pages and dominated the media coverage over the past two weeks.

It has been wonderful to hear those interactions transferred into this chamber, and on behalf of the constituents of Narungga I would like to offer our sincere and thorough endorsement of all the well wishes that have been conveyed today. We genuinely support and are very much enjoying hearing all the interactions and anecdotal stories that are being told.

On behalf of the electors in Narungga, we would like to endorse those wellwishers and best wishes. It must be a truly difficult thing losing a loved one but even more difficult doing it with the eyes of the world on you. Vale, Queen Elizabeth, it was an absolute pleasure.

The Hon. A. PICCOLO (Light) (15:00): Today, I wish to speak to this motion on behalf of the people of the electorate of Light, as the local member, and also in my role as the duty member for Schubert. The local community was shocked and saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Friday 9 September, using various social media platforms to express their grief and sense of loss. After all, Her Majesty had only commissioned a new Prime Minister for the UK two days earlier.

The Queen was greatly admired by members of the community for her warmth, her strong sense of public duty and her faithful service to the people of the commonwealth. I think people saw the Queen as more than just a monarch: they saw her humanity as a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter and sister. It is in these roles that many people saw the life of the Queen. The messages in the condolence book in my electorate office reflect this sentiment.

Many women saw Her Majesty as a motherly figure when, at times, she had to deal with a range of family issues, not unlike themselves. While it would be easier and perhaps sometimes appropriate to focus on the differences between the royal family and most other families, many have chosen to see what we have in common. One of my constituents, Debbie Keshaw, said:

From both sides of the world I have always kept you in my heart, as a little girl I remember your silver jubilee [and] as an adult I will always remember you. God Bless you always.

Veronica Peters acknowledged the Queen's service when she wrote, '[A] Wonderful life. A woman dedicated to service.' Richard Woods remarked, 'R.I.P. My Majesty. You brought so much joy to so many people. You will be missed.' Kylee and Sean Carmody thanked Her Majesty for her years of dedication and service. Other tributes mentioned how they or a member of their family had served the Queen in some way during her 70-year reign.

On Sunday, a week ago, in an ecumenical gesture, I attended the 10am service of Gawler Anglicans at St George's Church in Cowan Street. The vicar at the church, the Reverend Donna Petersen, gave a beautiful sermon that paid tribute to Her Majesty and the life lived by the Queen. I will quote from the sermon because Reverend Petersen expressed the views of most of the community better than I can. She said this:

Today is different. This week is different. This time is different. In many ways it is surreal or unreal. Our intelligence tells us, it was bound to happen, she was 96, she can't live forever.

But our hearts and our lives are yet, still so incredibly shocked and taken aback.

And we are solemn, and sad. And even though as a Sunday, today is a feast day, a mini Easter Day celebrating the salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it is also a day of deep mourning and grief; but grief that is framed in hope and faith and worship.

So today and for the next little while, we grieve and mourn and remember together. Today we allow our deep sadness to have an outlet.

Today the bells tolled for the life that was, for Elizabeth, who was not only Queen of England and realms of the Commonwealth, but also the Church of England; the Anglican Church, but more importantly, she was a woman of deep abiding faith.

Today the bells tolled for the proclamation of the new King; a man grieving his mama.

Today the bells tolled and will now stay silent until after her funeral.

Today we mark the end of an era; the end of the longest serving monarch in history.

Today we mark the end of a common life shared together. Whether you are a royalist or not, this is a sad time.

Queen Elizabeth II is incredibly loved and will be missed and for many, if not most in the world is the only Monarch we've ever known until today.

It seems to me that the whole world is grieving in some way or another.

She goes on to say:

The truth is, she was a truly great woman. Probably the best and least known woman in the world, within our living history.

That paradox is very interesting. She continues:

As I said before, for many of us she's been the only monarch we've ever known. And even if you don't buy into the whole monarchy, royalist, Commonwealth thing, she was still our Queen; our Monarch and she deserves our respect and grace at this time of her passing as do her family.

I remember meeting the Queen on 28 February 20 years ago, when she visited Gawler and the Barossa on one of her many official trips to Australia. On arrival at the Gawler railway station travelling on the Barossa Wine Train, the Queen was presented to the two train drivers, Mr Barry McMillan and Mr Kevin Simcock.

My two sons, Raffaele and Stefan, and I, at that time in my capacity as mayor of the town, then greeted and welcomed Her Majesty to Gawler. I escorted the Queen to the royal car, where Her Majesty was enthusiastically cheered by the people of Gawler while the Gawler Town Band played a series of musical pieces.

The Queen then went to the Gawler community and recreation centre where she greeted and spoke with hundreds of wellwishers and attended a reception held in her honour, where she met the then local member of parliament, Mr Malcolm Buckby and his wife, Kathryn, and 66 other guests drawn from across the Gawler community.

Her Majesty was very polite and dignified and engaged with the people present, asking questions and showing a genuine interest in their stories. At the end of the reception, I presented the Queen with a gift and escorted her to the royal car, where she farewelled the people of Gawler for her next destination, Chateau Barossa, just outside Lyndoch.

At Chateau Barossa, the Queen was received by the late Hermann Thumm AM and Mrs Inge Thumm and the Barossa mayor, the late Mr Brian Hurn, and Mrs Gillian Hurn. In the winery, she was presented to the then local member of parliament for Schubert, Mr Ivan Venning, and Mrs Kay Venning. While at the Chateau, Her Majesty undertook an inspection of the rose garden, where the Queen unveiled a plaque commemorating the official opening of the Chateau Barossa rose garden.

Later, Her Majesty attended a luncheon hosted by the late Mayor Mr Hurn and the late Mrs Hurn, which has been mentioned previously. The Queen then visited the Tanunda Lutheran homes, where she officially opened the new high care facility and was presented to staff and volunteers, and she then departed for her return trip to Adelaide and Government House. The region was very appreciative of the Queen's visit, and it was certainly an important occasion for many local people that they recall today very fondly.

My heart goes out to those people in our communities and overseas who, for historical reasons or personal experience, are not able to share with the rest of our nation its grief and sense of loss with the passing of Her Majesty. It is important for us to hear their stories, understand their truth and find ways for them to heal their wounds and souls so that at some point in the future we can walk a common path.

We all see the Queen through different eyes and experiences, and I do not think Her Majesty would want it any other way. Her Majesty understood her role in a constitutional monarchy. While we are grieving her loss, we do wish the new King well. God save the King.

Mr McBRIDE (MacKillop) (15:08): I rise today to express the sympathies on behalf of the people of the MacKillop electorate following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We acknowledge and pay tribute to her lifetime of dedicated service and the commitment she made to the people of South Australia and the commonwealth.

The outpouring of grief following her death across the state, the nation and the world is a testament to the love, admiration and respect in which she was held. To so many people, she was more than a Queen. She was not just the monarch: she was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. While we all knew that at 96 her life and reign would inevitably come to an end, it was still an enormous shock to wake to the news that she had passed away at her beloved Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

In her most famous pledge, the young Queen Elizabeth declared that her whole life, whether it be long or short, would be devoted to our service and the service of the great imperial family to which we all belong. She most certainly honoured that pledge with a reign that lasted more than 70 years. She was patron of more than 600 organisations and charities, attended thousands of official engagements and toured every country in the commonwealth. She was the one constant in our lives.

Australia has been fortunate to have the Queen visit 16 times. Her first tour in 1954, with her husband, Prince Philip, went for two months, and it was estimated that more than seven million Australians, or approximately 70 per cent of the population, turned out to see the young Queen. While she never visited the MacKillop electorate, she did visit Mount Gambier in that first tour back in 1954—and South Australia—seven times.

It has been wonderful to read stories from people who clearly remember her visits, including Marion Davies and her sister Aldyth who saw her in Mount Gambier. Marion Davies told *The Border Watch* how she and her sister dressed in their Brownies' uniforms to form part of the guard of honour at Vansittart Park's main gates. The Queen and the Duke came along in their Land Rover and stopped tantalisingly close to them—so close to them, in fact, that if they had left their guard they would have touched the car.

I read that the visit to Mount Gambier sent the town into a flurry of activity. Shopkeepers draped their storefronts with the English flag, children were ordered to practise their curtsies and salutes, and mums and dads ironed their Sunday best in the hope of catching a glimpse of the glamorous royal couple. On that day, 26 February, the town's population grew from 10,000 to 40,000.

Huge crowds lined Bay Road and Commercial Street as the Queen and the Duke made their way to Vansittart Park via the Blue Lake and the Valley Lake and at Vansittart Park they were greeted by thousands of schoolchildren dressed in red, white and blue. The Queen planted a rowan tree, one of only three trees planted during the 1954 Australian visit. I am told that, along with many bouquets of flowers, she was also presented with a book from the children of the South-East.

Looking back on the archival vision of her visits to Australia, one cannot help but be in awe of her. She was regal, dignified and beautiful, and we, her loyal subjects, came out in our tens of thousands to catch a glimpse of her.

Over the past two weeks my office in Naracoorte has had a steady stream of people wanting to pay their respects by signing one of many condolence books provided by the State of South Australia. These books will be collated and bound, and then sent to the royal family from the people of South Australia. It will form part of a history-making event.

It has been heartwarming to read these messages, from the very young to the very old, and I am honoured to share some of those messages today.

Grant and Gillian Miller wrote:

You were a beacon of hope to the world when things were tough, we laughed with you, we grieved with you—thank you for your service to all.

From Susan and Jamie Offord:

You devoted your life to be our Queen and we thank you for your loyalty, graciousness, humanity and of course your wonderful smile.

From the Teate family:

Thank you for being our guiding light, compass and strength, for providing security and being a shining example of dignity, hope and grace. Rest well your Majesty.

From 12-year old Eva:

Rest in peace Your Royal Highness. Thank you for your service.

On behalf of the constituents of MacKillop, it is an honour to thank Queen Elizabeth II for her life of service. She has ruled with dignity, warmth and grace. She will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Your Majesty. Long live the King.

Mr BELL (Mount Gambier) (15:12): I also rise to support the motion. On behalf of the constituents of Mount Gambier, we pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and sincerely mourn her loss.

On the seventh day of September we woke unknowingly to the final day of the Elizabethan age. On 8 September we woke to a day that would mark the end of an era, not only for the United Kingdom, Australia and all the realms and territories of the commonwealth, but also for the entire world, with the passing of Her Majesty.

Looking back, it was on 26 February 1954 that Her Majesty the Queen first stepped onto South Australian soil in my home town of Mount Gambier, welcomed to the state in what was remarked upon as a true country welcome by not only the 10,000 residents of Mount Gambier but also by an estimated 30,000 extra who had travelled far and wide to be in her presence in our town.

The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, were driven along crowded streets to a location near the edge of the crater, looking out to the natural wonder of the Blue Lake. It was here that she was tasked with the simple planting of a sapling to serve as a reminder of her visit and as a representation of the monarch.

The small sapling was given the monumental task of representing the institution of a historical reigning monarch, the relationship our commonwealth holds to it and the life of a reigning Queen, birthed with no expectation of the Crown, that resulted in a devotion of over 70 years serving her people. I regret to admit that this tree no longer stands, and I argue that it no longer stands because of the weight of responsibility it once held.

But as we look back in mourning and remembrance, I make the claim that it never did and never could stand to act as a symbol for what was its intended purpose, as the monarch, unlike it, has stood tall against the passing of time; the commonwealth, unlike it, has continued to grow and prosper; and our Queen, unlike it, brought the world to a halt in mourning.

I am pleased to note that, just three days before Her Majesty's passing, 16 native blue gums were planted in replacement of this tree, so now let us again watch as each tree grows in an attempt to represent the institution of a historical monarch, the service of a great ruler and the life of a woman spent in devotion to others. As we now experience the end of the world's second Elizabethan age, for a final time we must invoke the timeless prayer and anthem, God save the Queen, for now we must proclaim God save the King.

Mr ODENWALDER (Elizabeth) (15:16): I am truly humbled to stand here in this place today and make a contribution to this motion as the member for Elizabeth, an electorate named for Her Majesty. I wish to convey my sincere condolences to the royal family. This is first and foremost a personal loss to a real family and I do want to convey my condolences and the condolences of the people of Elizabeth who hold her in very high esteem.

It is very hard to add to what has already been said about Queen Elizabeth herself. Of course, she saw a lot of change, and her steadfastness and devotion to duty are admirable and her concern for the welfare of South Australians has been well traversed here today. The naming of the City of

Elizabeth, which is the heart of my electorate—it is the place I grew up and it is the place I chose to raise a family—has an interesting story behind it.

It was established in 1955 as a new northern satellite town. It was to be an attractive alternative to other places—older places—in the city. There would be ample parks, trees and sportsgrounds to enjoy and leading the development of the new town of course was the Housing Trust. They planned on using the name Playford after the then Premier Sir Thomas Playford; however, this was met, to his credit, with very strong opposition from the then Premier.

As a result, a competition was held with several names put forward, including the Aboriginal names of Temana and Warriwodli. The name of a village near Salisbury in the UK called Larkhall was also put forward. Despite these suggestions, the Housing Trust was determined to use the name Playford, which was refused for a second time by Sir Thomas Playford. As a final resort, the Housing Trust asked the Premier to find a name, and in keeping with the regal theme of Adelaide and acknowledging the nearby Edinburgh airfield, which is still there of course, Playford asked for the Queen's permission to name the new suburb Elizabeth. This was a shock at the time, but it meant that the new suburb was to receive royal visitors over the next several decades.

As others have mentioned, on 19 February 1963 the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Adelaide. After several visits, parties and dinners in Adelaide, Her Majesty visited Elizabeth on 21 February 1963 to unveil the Windsor Green sculptured fountain. As the member for Taylor has alluded to, the fountain was famously lost and then found by the City of Playford and placed in their new CBD area, since the original Windsor Green, where there are very famous photographs of the Queen visiting, was bulldozed and is now a car park.

The fact that it was named Elizabeth and the fact that she took the time to visit in 1963 and again later on meant a lot to the people in Elizabeth, and I have spoken to many of my constituents who remember that day very fondly. I do not want to add too much more, but I will close my contribution by simply saying thank you to Her Majesty for her 70-plus years of devotion to public service and duty. I know that I speak for many in my electorate when I say that we as a city are honoured to bear her name.

Mr TEAGUE (Heysen) (15:19): I rise to support the motion, and in so doing highlight the words of this house's proposed address to the King:

...expressing our deep sympathy in the great sorrow which Your Majesty and members of the royal family have sustained through the death of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, who was loved for the grace, devotion and steadfast resolve displayed over her reign of 70 years.

We acknowledge and pay tribute to Her Majesty's lifetime of dedicated service and our gratitude at the commitment she made to the people of South Australia and the commonwealth.

We also offer our sincere congratulations on Your Majesty's accession to the throne and to express the hope that Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign.

I wish to reflect, firstly, on the deep sympathy and great sorrow that have been expressed by my community of Heysen and expressed in so many ways over the course of recent days, but, as honourable members have referred to in the course of this debate, universally expressed in the condolence book that is held at Heysen in all sorts of different ways and by people of all ages. Just as a sample, Penelope Milne and Michael Milne of Bridgewater have observed:

You were a shining light to all—Rest in peace. The World was your stage—a perfect performance.

Regina and Stephen Caston of Stirling, an elderly couple, travelled through what has been particularly rugged weather in recent days to come to the office to write these words:

May God Bless and keep you King Charles III and the Royal Family at this very sad time. The Queen's passing brings to an end the reign of the greatest monarch in the history of the world. Thank you Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for a life well lived. With love and the deepest respect. Regina and Stephen Caston.

From Bernie Koch at Crafers:

My sincerest sympathy to the royal family on the death of our loved Queen Elizabeth. I have loved her since I was 5 years old—I am now 78. May Jesus give you His peace at this very sad time.

And from Anita Helbig at Upper Sturt:

You reigned over us with dignity, humility and majesty. May God give you peaceful rest and say of you, 'Well done my faithful servant.' I will miss you.

From Robert Dewell OAM of Hahndorf:

Heartfelt thanks for your service to your commonwealth and the world. Rest in peace.

And Kaye Dewell:

Thank you. Your example to Aus and the world. Also your great sacrifice and leadership.

I wish to highlight in particular two of the younger generation in Heysen who came to the office, primary school students at Bridgewater Primary School, Jordi and Charlie. Jordi said, 'We all love you Queen xoxo,' and Charlie, 'I love you so much.' So there have been expressions of heartfelt thanks and appreciation from people of all ages in recent days. In making a brief contribution on this motion, I wish to highlight the source of that love and dedication from so many, including in my community in Heysen, and that is the steadfast and dedicated service that Her Majesty gave to us all.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his sermon at the state funeral for Her Majesty just yesterday, said:

People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are long forgotten.

The grief of this day—felt not only by the late Queen's family but all round the nation, Commonwealth and the world—arises from her abundant life and loving service, now gone from us.

She was joyful, present to so many, touching a multitude of lives.

That has been proved in recent days throughout the country and I can certainly say, in particular, in Heysen. That dedicated service is something to which we aspire in the everyday and ordinary life that we engage in in the community, and in so many ways we look for that example.

We have seen in recent weeks, just to take one example of dedicated service, the recognition of those who have given decades of committed voluntary service to the CFS. We recognise 40 years, 50 years and 60 years of service—significant as it is, indeed. We can truly say that the Queen, in her 70 years of dedicated service, provided an example to us all of the qualities that we would see emulated throughout our community. But I do want to emphasise, as the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, that the grief of her passing does indeed arise from her abundant life. It is so important to bring that back to what is a human story, and others have reflected on relationships in the ordinary day to day.

My grandmother (Nanna) was five years older than the Queen. She was born in 1920 and died in 2005, and the Queen—and I might say the Queen Mother as well, who was 20 years older than my grandmother—represented for her in real ways an image of something bigger than the family; something that might be emulated in the values of day-to-day life: being present, being committed to family and, as others have said, being a model of the demonstration of leadership as a woman leading her family, her community, her state and the broader commonwealth. It was an ever-present part of my life to see my grandmother's keen commitment to following the Queen and the Queen Mother's life, albeit from a great distance—there was so much to be emulated.

We also in the words of the motion offer our sincere congratulations to Your Majesty's accession to the throne, and we express the hope that Your Majesty may enjoy a long and prosperous reign. Long live the King.

Ms SAVVAS (Newland) (15:29): I rise to support the motion. I, too, would like to take the opportunity today to reflect on the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and I extend my deepest condolences to her family and the millions of individuals around the world who are mourning the significant loss of our sovereign. That loss is felt deeply in the Newland electorate, where the second highest country of birth is England and the second highest religion is the Anglican Church, or Church of England, to which Her Majesty acted as the Supreme Governor and archbishop.

The connection to Her Majesty is felt around the north-eastern suburbs. It is felt in places like the Fox and Firkin at Tea Tree Gully and on the main thoroughfare of Elizabeth Street, home to many of our schools and wonderful sports clubs. The council ward that I represented in the City of

Tea Tree Gully is named Balmoral, which many have reminded me this week acts as an appropriate affectionate homage to Balmoral Castle, where our loving Queen passed peacefully on 8 September.

Today, I would like to reflect on the words and memories of residents in my community, and I thank those residents for sharing their stories with me over the past week and a half. Firstly, I would like to thank the hundreds of residents who have signed the condolence book either in my office or out and about in the community.

I would like to make particular mention of St Agnes Primary School and the reception or foundation students of Class West. The students watched a documentary about Her Majesty and then wrote a recount piece as a class. They then collated a book to be included with the condolence messages and have each drawn a picture of what Queen Elizabeth II signified to them. Their recount reads: 'The Queen was 96 years old. On 8 September, she passed peacefully.' I am so proud of the beautiful pictures and wonderful handwriting from the reception students at St Agnes primary and thank them for their efforts and contributions.

In the past week, I have also had the great pleasure of visiting two large retirement villages with the condolence book so residents would have the chance to pay respects to Her Majesty. Last Thursday, I visited Tea Tree Gardens Retirement Village in Hope Valley. One resident, Mavis, was gifted a copy of the New Testament as an award by Her Majesty at a country school when she was seven. Another resident told me how she felt honoured to sign both the condolence book for His Majesty King George VI and now the condolence book for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I also met Peter, who works at the village, who signed the book on behalf of his brand-new grandson, Salvatore, who was mere hours old. I thank Tea Tree Gardens for their contributions.

Yesterday, I visited Ridgehaven Rise. I was astounded by the number of residents with a connection to Her Majesty. Peter Caddy, who is head of the social club, told the group how as a student at Highgate primary he went with his class to welcome the Queen to Wayville showground. They were all practising bowing for Her Majesty, and Peter, when finishing his practice bow, realised he had missed her parade while practising.

In a very strange coincidence, three separate residents were in Whyalla when the Queen visited in 1954. Valerie Healy, Margaret Caddy and Frank Norton all attended local schools and were involved in processions for her arrival. The younger two were part of a large parade where students put hands on each other's shoulders to form the words 'Welcome to Whyalla' as Her Majesty flew over. Another resident, Bev Schutz, told me the story of driving to Henley Beach in her father's 1927 Essex for a concert. The concert was stopped midway for an announcement that His Majesty King George VI had passed, and the concert was cancelled immediately.

One resident, Dorothy, went with her father to see King George VI lying in state and told me proudly that she had only waited two hours for the honour compared with the upwards of 24 hours to see Queen Elizabeth in the last week. Another, Rosemary Wellen, met Her Majesty the Queen as a Girl Guide on one of Her Majesty's visits to Australia. The Colliers told me the story of Mr Collier's grandfather, who was the first in his street to purchase a television. The whole street came to visit to watch Her Majesty's coronation in 1952. His grandfather later was invited to Buckingham Palace for an event with the Queen, and it was reported in the local newspaper. Mr Collier still keeps the newspaper clipping at his home at Ridgehaven Rise, and I hope to come and see it later in the week.

The life and consequent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has had an impact on the lives of so many residents, particularly those in our community. As the Leader of the Opposition did earlier, I would like to reflect on the Queen's Easter message of April 2020 in the midst of the COVID pandemic. She said to us:

As dark as death can be—particularly for those suffering with grief—light and life are greater.

Today, we reflect not only on darkness but on the light that Queen Elizabeth II brought to her life and the lives of so many others. Vale, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and may God save the King.

Mr COWDREY (Colton) (15:35): I rise today to provide a contribution on behalf of the people of Colton on the motion before the house and offer condolences on their behalf as the house today recognises the immense contribution and service of our longest serving monarch, a lifetime of dedicated commitment to the people of South Australia and to the commonwealth.

There are many things that have become clearer over the past days as we have collectively watched expressions of sorrow and grief from around the world, watched not just the UK but the broader commonwealth reflect on her service and watched her family and those closest to her, despite the composure expected during these events, show glimpses of just how much she meant to them. She was beloved by many.

The world changed on Queen Elizabeth's passing. For many, she has been the only Queen they have known, the only face or effigy they have seen on currency and the stable personification of leadership for so many years in an unpredictable world. No matter what was happening, there was always a smile and sage advice. She was a constant. Despite being 96 years of age, it often felt like she would live forever. I have no doubt that her legacy will.

While Her Majesty had many roles—head of state, the Church of England and the armed forces—it has been said that she received much joy from her patronage roles with charities, service and other organisations. One such role that she took very seriously was her patronage of the Commonwealth Games Federation and the Commonwealth Games themselves. She was always a tremendous supporter of the Commonwealth Sports Movement. Her Majesty understood the power of sport to positively impact lives and bring the broader commonwealth together.

Her vision for the commonwealth, as a diverse and united family of nations, will continue to inspire and will remain the mission and duty of the Commonwealth Games Federation moving forward. That vision and commitment to diversity leave a profound legacy, an event that showcases female sport, provides a platform for athletes with a disability and is known colloquially as the Friendly Games.

On a more personal note, the royal family, and Queen Elizabeth in particular, was for many decades extremely supportive of the Paralympic movement. Her Majesty, in fact, provided the International Paralympic Committee with one of the organisation's most historic days when she officially opened the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The Queen's personal interest and appreciation of the power of sport have also passed to ensuing generations, with Prince Harry having founded the Invictus Games to ensure that wounded service men and women, who have given so much for their country, are given the respect and support that they deserve to lead fulfilling lives post recovery. The inaugural Invictus Games, held in London in 2014, used the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for wounded, injured and sick service men and women. That legacy, too, lives on.

Like many leaders, it was not always what she did: it was how she went about it, how she carried herself. She was unique. She was softly spoken but commanded absolute respect. She connected with people and had a smile that put people at ease.

Like all members of this place, the Colton electorate office collected condolences from local community members through the state condolence book that will soon be sent to the royal family. I know that each of those who came in welcomed the opportunity to record a personal message of reflection and thanks and appreciated that their individual messages would be forwarded to London.

On behalf of the people of Colton: Queen Elizabeth, your work is done. Your service is complete. Thank you, and may God save the King.

Ms HOOD (Adelaide) (15:40): I rise in support of the motion. On behalf of the Adelaide electorate, I offer my condolences to King Charles III and the royal family and acknowledge the incredible life of service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

I rise today to speak about the connection between Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and a South Australian woman by the name of Miss Jean Bottomley. For those who have enjoyed a parliamentary tour of the library by our fabulous Parliamentary Librarian, Dr John Weste, Miss Jean Bottomley's story might sound familiar.

Dr Weste came to learn about Miss Bottomley when he received a call from her great-niece, who told Dr Weste that she had come into possession of documents and materials that she had inherited from her late great-aunt. The great-niece told Dr Weste that her husband wanted to throw

the documents out, to which Dr Weste replied, 'Well, what you need to do is throw out the husband and give the documents to me.' While I am not sure what the fate of the husband was, I do know that the documents are now in the safe hands of Dr Weste and the parliamentary library.

So what did the documents reveal about Miss Jean Bottomley? Ms Bottomley, or 'little Jean' as we know she was called by some parliamentarians, was a charge waitress who began working in South Australia's parliament in February 1942. As a charge waitress, we understand she would have likely served tea and cocktails to parliamentarians in the members' bar.

Eleven years after starting in parliament, Miss Bottomley's life would take quite an exciting turn. She was invited to travel to London as part of South Australia's Queen Elizabeth coronation celebrations. She was joined by the parliament cook, Miss Ivy Mudge. Exactly how a charge waitress who served tea and cocktails to parliamentarians came to be included in South Australia's Queen's coronation celebrations is still not quite clear, but among the documents donated by Ms Bottomley's great-niece is a letter of introduction from the Minister of Lands to the Acting Agent General and Trade Commission in Marble Arch in London which stated, and I quote:

These two people [Miss Bottomley and Miss Mudge] are such loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen and have saved money to be present on such an occasion. The girls expect to arrive on approx. 11/2/53 and will call your Office on arrival.

Right now, in the parliamentary library you will find Miss Bottomley's invitation to the South Australian coronation dinner at Grosvenor House on Park Lane, which was held on 27 May 1953 where Sir Thomas Playford was the guest of honour. But Queen Elizabeth II's coronation did not end Miss Bottomley's association with Her Majesty.

Upon returning to work in parliament, we understand Miss Bottomley went on to become the Head of Catering at Parliament House in 1954. This meant that Miss Bottomley was in charge of preparing the menu for the royal banquet of the newly crowned Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which was held right here at Parliament House. The dinner was held on 23 March 1954.

So what exactly did Miss Bottomley serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II? The royal banquet's menu included, for starters, a choice of grapefruit or mock turtle soup. On Dr Weste's tours of the parliamentary library, children and adults alike love guessing what the actual ingredients are of a mock turtle soup. I can tell you that it is not pleasant. If South Australians would like to find out, I encourage you to book a tour with your local member of parliament.

What else was on the royal banquet's menu? We had a fried fillet of whiting, chicken cutlets, roast beef and horseradish sauce, peas, baked potatoes, baked tomatoes, a peach Melba for dessert, followed by bacon fingers and coffee.

Miss Bottomley's story is, I guess, an example of how one hardworking Australian came to have a special connection to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Given Her Majesty's incredible reign, it is so lovely to be able to come together today to share, listen and celebrate these stories of such an incredible woman who gave her life to service.

It has also been wonderful to see all the locals in my community coming to the Adelaide electorate office to sign the condolence book. As locals Maxwell and Rosemary Paul put it so simply yet so beautifully, 'Gone but not forgotten our gracious Queen.' Vale, Her Majesty. God save the King.

The Hon. D.G. PISONI (Unley) (15:45): That menu sounds like it was long before *The Margaret Fulton Cookbook* but a very familiar theme. I stand to support the motion on behalf of my constituents in Unley. I also would like to reflect on the Second Session of the Thirty-Fourth Parliament, which of course was what happened during the day of the dinner that the previous member spoke about. It is the only *Hansard* record that I know of that features a photograph in *Hansard*. Those of you who read *Hansard* know that, if you are looking for pictures, you just do not see them in *Hansard*, because it is all about what is said in the parliament.

Another interesting thing about *Hansard* for that session of parliament on 23 March is that not only are words recorded but actions are recorded, or the actual movement of particular people in the parliament is recorded. Although women had the right to vote and run for parliament in 1894 here

in South Australia, from what I understand, the Queen's address to the parliament was the very first time a woman actually gave a speech in the South Australian parliament.

I will allude to *Hansard* itself. The Clerk went on to read the proclamation from His Excellency the Governor (Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert George) summoning the parliament. Black Rod announced the approach of Her Majesty the Queen, and *Hansard* states:

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, entered the Chamber attended by members of the Royal Household, and took her seat in the Royal Chair on the dais. Members of the House of Assembly having entered the Chamber, in accordance with Standing Order 35A, Her Majesty was pleased to deliver the following speech...

I will allude to that speech. Her introductory remarks were to 'Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly'. They were her opening remarks. She was very glad to open in person the session of the parliament of South Australia and to take part in the time-honoured ceremonies attending such an occasion.

She went on to say it was 97 years since the citizens of South Australia enjoyed the benefits and privilege of responsible government. She said:

During that time, you and your predecessors have faithfully maintained the traditions, the spirit and the practices which you inherited from the Mother of Parliaments at Westminster. I congratulate [members] upon your success in adapting the British system of Parliamentary Government to the needs of your country.

She thanked the people of South Australia most warmly both for the loyal and affectionate welcome which she and her husband had received and for the unfailing help and support which South Australia had at all times given in such a generous measure to the mother country.

Among the important problems which she was aware of, which concerned the people of South Australia, was the development of productive resources of the state. She noted with interest and pleasure the progress the state had made, and she was confident that with courage, enterprise and determination we would move forward to an era of ever-increasing prosperity. She went on to say that her government is:

...making satisfactory progress in the construction of the many engineering works and buildings required for public utilities and social services in the State.

She made mention of a new building—a large public hospital at Woodville—the cost of which would be £4,500,000. She was happy to accede to the request from her ministers that the hospital should be known as The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She went on to inform the house that her ministers were:

...engaged in the preparation of the legislative and financial proposals which they deem it necessary to introduce during the coming financial year for the purpose of promoting the welfare and progress of my people. Bills to give effect to these proposals will be submitted later for [the house's] consideration.

She then declared the session open and she prayed that the blessing of Almighty God may sustain and guide the members in their deliberations to the advancement of the welfare of the state. *Hansard* then goes on to describe that 'Her Majesty and His Royal Highness retired from the Chamber and the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly withdrew'.

So very early on we saw a strong embracing of Queen Elizabeth II by the people of South Australia within the first 12 months of her coronation by naming a brand-new, major piece of infrastructure, a hospital, after Queen Elizabeth II. Of course, we heard from the member for Elizabeth earlier about the naming of the city of Elizabeth a little time later.

It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to the King and his family. Vale, Elizabeth II and long live the King, King Charles III.

Mr FULBROOK (Playford) (15:52): On behalf of the communities of Parafield Gardens, Salisbury Downs, Green Fields and parts of Mawson Lakes and Paralowie, I rise to speak in support of this motion.

The passing of anyone is a sad occasion, and I offer my condolences to the royal family, who above everything else have lost a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and, no doubt, a friend. While congratulating King Charles on his appointment, I can only imagine the challenges faced with his new responsibilities and the need for time to grieve. If I were in a similar position, I do

not think I would have his strength and, while I see his emotional need is paramount, I cannot help but admire his conduct under extremely difficult circumstances. For all it is worth, my thoughts are with the new King and his family.

While none of us here are royals, the long reign of Queen Elizabeth was one true constant that linked those both within and outside the royal family. Prior to her reign, rationing in Australia had only ended two years prior, and this would continue in the UK for a further two years. At a time when both countries were still recovering from the devastation brought on by war, the new Queen served as a rallying point and a springboard into the happier times of the 1960s.

Her long reign saw highs such as Beatlemania, the 1966 World Cup, the Channel Tunnel, the creation of the World Wide Web, and the 2012 Olympic Games. This contrasts with conflicts like the Suez crisis, and the wars in the Persian Gulf, Korea, Falkland Islands, Balkans and, most recently, in Ukraine. We saw Britain enter and then leave the European Union and the devolution of parliaments in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

Equally as important was what was happening at home during her 70-year reign. We saw devastation from floods, fires and drought and the need to heal from catastrophes such as the Port Arthur massacre and the Vietnam War. We also saw progression on the abolition of the White Australia policy, the rightful granting of the vote to Aboriginal Australians and an Australia more willing to help our refugee neighbours.

With 15 British and 16 Australian prime ministers during her long reign, while the pace of change was rapid, Queen Elizabeth remained a constant for generations. It is hard to believe the Australian Prime Minister at her appointment was Sir Robert Menzies and our Premier was Sir Thomas Playford. Many things have been written about these historical figures, yet our Queen's reign was so long that it is remarkable in itself that she walked amongst them.

Britain's position in the world, and that of the commonwealth, changed dramatically, but throughout that Queen Elizabeth served as an exemplary diplomat and ambassador for Britain and the commonwealth. Even if some of us may be indifferent to monarchy, I picked up in these last few days that, while the world spun at a frantic pace, many found it sobering that something so significant remained unchanged.

On touching gently on the subject of republicanism, I feel there is a time and a place, and this is not the time, for we are in a period of mourning and now is the time to remember and celebrate a remarkable life. As with all members in this chamber, I was given a book of condolence for my constituents to sign. Without an office within my electorate, this has been challenging, but not impossible, and so, in celebrating the life of the Queen, I would like to convey the sentiments of some constituents and what she meant to them.

Our Mayor of the City of Salisbury, Gillian Aldridge AM, wrote: 'You leave wonderful memories, strength and kindness behind with love.' Milan Kapasi wrote: 'Rest in peace, we lost a great leader. Your life was a motivation for us.' Dipesh Thak-kem added: 'We had a great leader, an inspirational person who has left us behind.' Looking through the contributions, words such as 'inspirational', 'exemplary', 'leadership', 'grace' and 'kindness' appeared many times over and link a continual narrative based around widespread respect.

I want to give specific thanks to the Queen for her calming words around grief. It seems to be written everywhere at the moment, but for clarity she is quoted as saying, 'Grief is the price we pay for love.' This is an emotion none of us wishes to experience, but there is warmth to her logic that I hope we can draw strength from during our dark hours.

I also give thanks for her efforts in recognising service to our community. Last week, I had the privilege of representing the Premier at an honours induction ceremony at Government House. I was very impressed that our Governor, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC, reminded the audience that, while the Queen was committed to serving, she was also committed to recognising the service of others. Many South Australians, for various reasons, have experienced something deeply special when passing through Government House, and I am appreciative of the institution that has allowed for these moments to occur.

We must never forget the leading role the royal family played during the Second World War. I mentioned rationing earlier, and, with great respect, reiterate that just like every other family the royals had to follow strict rationing rules during this time. The very fact that the future Queen remained in Britain during wartime was also a significant morale booster, as were her services in uniform to the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

It is often said that the sun never set on the British Empire. Given its expanse and, later, the size of the commonwealth, South Australia was visited seven times by the Queen during her reign. I believe the first steps she and her husband, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, made in Adelaide happened in northern Adelaide, directly adjacent to my electorate at Parafield Airport in 1954.

While South Australia had received a number of royal visits prior to the Queen's first arrival, this was the first time we had ever been visited by a reigning monarch. The significance of this was not lost on the hundreds of thousands of South Australians who greeted her. We have always been ones to appreciate effort, and, given the Queen's vast responsibilities, the time taken to travel here and then meet with South Australians will be long remembered, as will the fact that several of her visits involved duties in the north of Adelaide.

In coming to parliament only recently, it never crossed my mind that I would need to speak on the passing of the Queen. While her life was long, given she had been crowned nearly 30 years before I was born, there seemed to be a long-held view that she would be here for many more years to come. Having walked through my electorate with a condolence book, I know I am not alone in having a fondness for her and I know many constituents will miss her. She will be spoken of fondly for many years to come and, on behalf of many within my communities, I give thanks for her life of service and extend my condolences to all who are affected during this sad time.

Ms THOMPSON (Davenport) (15:59): I, too, rise in support of this motion and to acknowledge the exceptional life and dedicated service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I would like to begin, though, by recognising members of the Australian Aboriginal community and the complex nature of their relationship with the royal family. The passing of Her Majesty the Queen is a significant event and an event worthy of our gathering here today, but recognising that the lands we meet on are traditionally those of the Kurna people remains as important and as relevant as ever, so I pay my respects to our elders past, present and emerging.

Her Majesty the Queen was the first ruling monarch to visit Australian shores, and she did so on 16 occasions across a period of 57 years—a demonstration of her love for our people, our vast and beautiful open spaces and our sense of community.

On Tuesday 11 March 1986, Elizabeth II graced the halls of Aberfoyle Park High School, a site that today sits within the heart of the Davenport electorate. It is with great pride that I share that, in the limited time Queen Elizabeth spent in South Australia, she felt compelled to visit my community and acknowledge the diligent work of the staff, the students and the parents of Aberfoyle Park High School. While those students present for Her Majesty's royal tour almost 40 years ago have long since graduated, I know they cherish their memories of the Queen's visit. I now call on the Aberfoyle Park High School students of today to endeavour to uphold the values of dignity and humility displayed by Elizabeth II, not just on that special occasion but during her 70 years upon the throne.

Elizabeth II was a kind-hearted woman. Her philanthropic efforts spanned the commonwealth, and she served as patron of more than 600 charities, with her charitable efforts estimated to have raised in excess of \$2 billion for environmental organisations, hospitals, faith-based charities and many other worthy causes. Those who use their platform to drive change have my greatest admiration. As an individual whose commitment to serving extended well beyond her royal duties, Elizabeth II will forever have my respect.

Her Majesty reigned during a period in which the world saw significant social reform, with several milestone occasions in her later years being of particular note. In 2013, she signed into law a bill legalising same-sex marriage in England and Wales. Five years later, the royal family celebrated its first same-sex union, an occasion likely inconceivable upon her accession to the throne in 1953 but an event and change for which we should all feel grateful.

Before Queen Elizabeth II, the United Kingdom had exclusively been served by male prime ministers, formidable prime ministers at that, but opportunities for female leadership had proven few and far between. On 6 September 2022, just two days before Her Majesty's passing, the Rt Hon. Liz Truss MP was appointed Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; she is the third-ever female elevated to the position of Prime Minister and the third appointed by Elizabeth II.

Elizabeth II embraced change and understood the responsibilities that came with her title. The world was always watching and Her Majesty never faltered. Composed in times of great difficulty and strong when her country, the commonwealth and the world needed her to be so, Elizabeth II led a life dedicated to service, a life well lived and a life not soon forgotten. We are richer for the contributions of Elizabeth II as Queen and poorer for having lost her on 8 September 2022. May she rest in peace.

Mrs PEARCE (King) (16:03): It was with great sadness that we heard of the Queen's passing earlier this month. We have seen many monumental moments over the past 70 years, both things we can be proud of and others we should learn from. Nevertheless, our Queen was the one constant through it all and, for that, she absolutely meant the world to my community.

She was a woman who maintained her promise to the people of the commonwealth that she would dedicate herself to duty, and she committed wholeheartedly to public service until the very end. Through that, there were unique traits that I believe are important to reflect upon today, for whether or not it was intentional the actions taken by Her Majesty have influenced our social foundation significantly, and that started from a very young age.

In the midst of World War II, Her Majesty stepped up, within a year of turning 18, to join the Auxiliary Territorial Service, alongside thousands of other women who wished to make a contribution to protect the home front. In doing so, she became the first woman in the royal family to be a full-time active member of the armed services, and through her service she learned to drive and was trained to be a mechanic.

There is a picture of her, in fact, that I am particularly fond of, where she is seen changing a tyre. I cannot begin to comprehend how monumental this visual would have been to the movement during a time of significant shifts in perceptions and roles within our society, the courage it would have taken to do so and the courage it would have inspired in others.

She was one of thousands of women who took up the various jobs left vacant when the men were sent to the front, determined to play a role for their nation and consequently helping to change the perceptions of a woman's place in the world. Following this theme, having learnt to drive and developed a passion for it, it is reported that Her Majesty would often be seen driving around in her Land Rover or Jaguar.

I recently read an article reflecting on one of her driving experiences dating back to 1998, when the Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia visited Balmoral Castle. I understand the royal Land Rovers were called to the front of the castle and the then Crown Prince was instructed to take the passenger seat of the Range Rover. The Queen jumped into the driver's seat next to him. This is firstly significant because she was actually the head of state and was able to drive herself around, and it also occurred during a time when women in the Crown Prince's home country were not permitted to drive.

There is absolutely no doubt that the Queen knew her mind, and she was incredibly respected for that. That was cemented on the day of Her Majesty's coronation, when she rejected a royal tradition and chose to rule under her own name, a tradition I note that her son, our King, has continued.

Memories of the Queen such as these have truly shone over recent times, and I have had the wonderful opportunity to hear many of them out in my community with people, young and old, who have taken the time out of their day to come and sign Her Majesty's condolence book, people like Mark Willoughby, who back in 1986 served in the guard of honour in Whyalla. He will miss Her Majesty's dignity and kindness. Maurice Sellars reminisced with me about his service to the Crown during World War II and proudly vowed 'ad unum omnes' (I apologise if I get that wrong), 'all to one, unanimously'.

Adrienne Williams recalls dancing for Her Majesty as a primary school student, acknowledging the inspiration the Queen bestowed on her. Ann Pullin recalls Her Majesty dressed in wattle yellow giving her the thumbs up as she drove by. Lastly, Chris Beale, whose father I understand was a plumber in the royal palace when Her Majesty was a princess and ascended the throne, had nothing but fond memories from her father to share during that time.

All of these are lovely and wholesome memories and only a few of the many that have been reflected in my community that display the admiration, the respect and the loyalty there is for Her Majesty and the Crown. I thank all those who took the time to sign and provide condolences. On behalf of the King electorate, thank you, Your Majesty, for your service. May you rest in peace.

Ms HUTCHESSON (Waite) (16:08): I rise in support of the motion and give my condolences to the royal family on the passing of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and to the people of the commonwealth who are mourning the loss of their Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The loss of the Queen has meant different things to different people, and I am mindful that I stand today representing all members of my community. On their behalf, I pay my respects to a strong, graceful and resilient woman who has led the commonwealth for over 70 years.

In my earliest memories of the Queen, I was a child on Christmas Day at my aunty and uncle's house. My uncle and his family are from England, and it is their tradition to watch the Queen's Christmas message. We did not always share Christmas with my uncle's extended family, but that year his mother, father and two brothers with their families were all there. His mother, Hilary, always reminded me of the Queen, as they had similar hair, poise and accent.

We were all encouraged to sit and watch the message. As a child, it made little sense to me who this person was and what she was on about, but I remember the day so clearly, and as I have grown I have come to realise and to admire her commitment and dedication to community across the world.

That was over 40 years ago, and at that stage the Queen had already been the monarch for 30 years. It is incredible to think that for most of us she is the only Queen we have ever known and will likely ever know. I am sad that it is unlikely that another woman will hold this role again in my lifetime now that Her Majesty's watch is over.

The 1920s were significant, as they followed World War I. Women were on the move. Having finally won the right to vote in America, some 25 years after South Australia had passed the legislation, things were changing. In the 1920s, aerosol sprays were invented, antibiotic penicillin was discovered by Alexander Fleming, frozen food was introduced and iron lungs were being used for the first time. In 1924, television was first introduced into Scotland, and in 1926 a princess, who would soon become Queen, was born.

It was thought that the Queen visited at least 117 countries in her lifetime. She visited Australia 16 times, with her last visit being in 2011. During these trips she also visited South Australia seven times, with her first being in 1954 not long after her coronation. Her Majesty was the patron of 27 organisations in Australia, including the RSL, Red Cross and many hospitals. In Adelaide, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital was opened in 1954 and, at the request of the state government at the time, was named in her honour.

Over the last week, I have had the pleasure of taking the condolence book to the wonderful retirement villages and nursing homes within my electorate. It was a lovely opportunity to hear the stories of the residents and listen to their memories and even have a few games of bingo. One resident told me that she lived next door to the Queen, the then Princess, when they were both very young. She recalled playing in the garden with her, and that she was a lovely girl. Others told me that they had been to her coronation and some remembered her visits to Australia. One gentleman wrote:

Your Majesty, I am 89 years old and you have been part of my life for all of those years. I have watched you grow up, and admired your contribution to community service. Starting with the war and going on from there. Thank you so much for your years of service, you have been an inspiration to me and my family.

Another resident wrote:

The end of a very special era, a time of change in our world. A prayer for a wonderful woman.

We will see reminders of Her Majesty's presence for many years to come. Last week, I took a walk along the Queens Jubilee Drive in the Belair National Park whilst meandering through Kaurna country. We see her face on our currency and references on tea bags, biscuits and even cake. It will be a long time before she is out of our minds.

Like many, the Queen also reminded me of my own grandmother, a warm cheeky smile that witnessed so much in her lifetime. I will never forget her endless collection of handbags and the poise with which she carried them and often when I am carrying mine I think of her ageless style.

Losing a parent is hard enough, but to do so under the watch of the whole world must be incredibly difficult; having to hold it together for the cameras, being judged on every move by the insatiable media, all whilst grieving on the inside would be exhausting. I send my condolences to the family and all who heralded her as their Queen.

I also wish the new monarch, King Charles III, all the very best and encourage him to continue his dedication to conservation and the environment, as well as addressing climate change and deforestation. No matter where Australia ends up in the future, no matter on what side of the conversation you sit, today we remember the lifelong commitment the Queen gave to the people of her commonwealth.

In the words of a very well-known bear, 'Thank you, Ma'am...for everything.'

Ms WORTLEY (Torrens) (16:13): I rise today to express my sincere condolences to King Charles III and to the royal family on the death of our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her long reign was marked by her instinctive sense of duty and dedication to a lifetime of service to her throne and the people across the globe. Her Majesty never deviated, such was her stoicism across more than 70 years.

At just 25 years of age, on 2 June 1953 she acceded to the throne to become the epitome of a working mother through crises and celebration. When the role of the monarchy itself came into question, she stood strong to restore faith in it. Today, I reflect on Queen Elizabeth II, a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to public service, to duty, to faith and to family. Her success in maintaining the monarchy through turbulent times was exceptional, given that she was never expected to be Queen.

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on 21 April 1926. It was Princess Elizabeth's father, King George VI, and mother, Queen Elizabeth, who gave her a foretaste of what it meant to be head of state and showed her how they restored the public's faith in the royal family and the monarchy when King Edward VIII stepped away from it. Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth's marriage to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten took place on 20 November 1947 in Westminster Abbey.

Their first child, Charles, was born in 1948 followed by a daughter, Anne, who arrived in 1950. Her father the King, having suffered considerable stress during the war years, was terminally ill with lung cancer. On his death, Princess Elizabeth was proclaimed Queen by her Privy and Executive Council and in 1953 her coronation took place with millions around the world watching. It was the first time such an event had been broadcast.

My late mother-in-law, Pamela Lowe, who lived in Bristol, loved telling her grandchildren about the special time of the young Queen's coronation and the celebrations that took place in the streets and in their homes—not just on the day, but for days. With the advent of television, it is interesting to note that we as a world population have watched just about every step our monarch ever made.

It was Queen Elizabeth II who became the first reigning monarch to visit Australia, and it was estimated that three-quarters of our population turned out to see her in person. In Adelaide, schoolchildren on an oval spelt out the word 'loyalty', which came to symbolise our Queen's sense of commitment to us right here in South Australia.

After the first visit in 1954, she visited Australia a further 15 times. Both Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip must have thought highly of Australia to agree to send the future King to his finishing school at Victoria's Geelong Grammar School, Timbertop. The hallmark of Her Majesty's reign was

constitutional correctness. She took seriously her rights to be informed and to advise but did not seek to step beyond them.

It was Prince Philip who encouraged Buckingham Palace to take a positive step to show the royal family in a far less formal and more approachable way in a groundbreaking documentary in the 1960s. The BBC was allowed to film the Windsors at home, which did much to restore public support for the monarchy. Queen Elizabeth's love affair with touring Australia flourished in the seventies. It was during one of her visits to South Australia that, along with my sisters and brothers, we stood with my parents along with thousands of others to wave our flags as Her Majesty drove past.

The next time I saw the Queen in person was in my role as a senator for South Australia at the official reception in the Great Hall of our federal parliament in 2006. Over the years, the debate about the possibility of Australia wanting independence from the British parliament and the courts via the Privy Council has grown. In 1986, the Queen made another visit to Canberra to sign the Australia Act, giving us such freedom.

She visited in the year 2000 and again in 2002, commenting on how much she had seen our nation's coming of age and an improvement in race relations. One thing that may not be well known to all is how our Queen welcomed our First Nations elders to Buckingham Palace and how often it was one on one, leader to leader, and that Buckingham Palace, today, is home to many pieces of Aboriginal art.

The deaths of the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret in the Queen's golden jubilee year, 2002, cast a shadow over celebrations of her reign. In November 2007, the Queen and Prince Philip celebrated 60 years of marriage with a service attended by 2,000 people at Westminster Abbey. The diamond jubilee in 2012 brought hundreds of thousands of people onto the streets and culminated in a weekend of celebrations in London.

In 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch in British history, surpassing the reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. In typical style, however, she refused to make any fuss, saying that the title was 'not one to which I have ever aspired'. Less than a year later, in April 2016 Her Majesty celebrated her 90th birthday. She continued with her public duties, often alone, after the retirement of her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in 2017.

With his death in April 2021 during the coronavirus pandemic, our sovereign cut a lonely figure and one could not help reflecting on the immensity of her loss and the gravity of going it alone in such a public domain.

Since her passing there has been overwhelming media focus on the royal family, who have lost a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. It is a time of grief and sadness for them and for many thousands around the world. I hope there is some comfort to be found in Her Majesty's words, 'Grief is the price we pay for love.'

Many in my electorate of Torrens have expressed their feelings in the condolence book in my office, and today I share just a few. Sharon Moffat came in with her boys, Hamish and Lachlan. Sharon said:

Thank you for your service. You have been an inspiration to us all. Rest in peace.

Hamish, eight years old, said, 'Thank you for your bravery,' and Lachlan said, 'Thank you for being the best Queen.' Barbara Bowdern said:

Thank you, Ma'am, for all you have done and have been to so many. Rest in peace. You're in God's hands now. God bless you.

Caprice Waldron said:

Queen Elizabeth II—thank you, Ma'am, for being a constant in our lives and for your service.

Ruth and Gavin Johnson said:

Thank you for being our Queen, an inspiration to us, a wonderful lady and monarch. You will be sadly missed.

The ladies at Blackwell Funerals at Hillcrest said:

Thank you Queen Elizabeth for being an amazing human being. We have been blessed to have had you as our Queen

Finally, Josephine Millard said:

Thank you for your remarkable service. A female leader for our times who oversaw great change, often for the betterment of women. Thank you Your Majesty.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: an extraordinary life, a remarkable woman. Thank you for your service. May you rest in peace, ma'am.

The SPEAKER: The question before the Chair is that the Address to the King be agreed to. Members may signify their assent by standing in their places in silence. I will also stand.

Motion carried by members standing in their places in silence.

The SPEAKER: I declare the resolution agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. P.B. MALINAUSKAS (Croydon—Premier) (16:23): I move:

That the Speaker transmit the address to Her Excellency the Governor with a request that Her Excellency cause the same to be forwarded for presentation to His Majesty.

Motion carried.

Parliamentary Procedure

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS (West Torrens—Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Energy and Mining) (16:23): I move:

That the house at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 11am.

Motion carried.

At 16:24 the house adjourned until Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 11:00.