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NATIONAL EMERGENCY NURSES DAY

Mr REEVES (Mansfield—ALP) (10.28 a.m.): I wish to highlight a special breed of workers within our health system, that is, emergency nurses. Last Thursday was National Emergency Nurses Day, and I am proud to say that my sister, Donna Walsh, is one of those rare breed of workers. They are the front line of health care. They are the people who have the personal trauma placed upon them. In particular, they have to give initial care to the victims of car accidents, drug overdoses and brutal crimes of violence. In addition to attending actual patients, they are often the ones who are left to deal with the families and friends of the patients who are often very upset. They do not get the recognition that they deserve.

I am proud to say that I am hosting the monthly meeting of the Emergency Nurses Association this evening here in this place. The National Emergency Nurses Association is made up of affiliated State organisations. The Queensland Emergency Nurses Association is affiliated with the national body. The purpose of National Emergency Nurses Day is to highlight the role of emergency nurses.

Time expired.
