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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER AWARDS; MRS P. HARTMANN

Mrs CARRYN SULLIVAN (Pumicestone—ALP) (7.21 p.m.): I recently had the pleasure of distributing 20 state government medallions as part of our International Year of the Volunteer celebrations. Each of the 20 recipients was nominated by a non-profit community-based organisation in the electorate of Pumicestone, which I represent. Criteria were set by my dedicated and valued electorate officer, Ralda Reid, and myself, and we asked four respected members of the community—Mr Bill Hinte, JP and voluntary youth worker; Mrs Joan Tomaisello, volunteer community worker; Mr Col Matthews, retired president of the Bribie Island Community Voluntary Help Association; and Mr Rick Thornton, Bribie Island senior computing club volunteer—to form a steering committee to find the 20 medal winners.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to those four judges, as it was a hard task to pick 20 out of 430 nominations. I would like to list the 20 recipients because of the years of service they have all given: Lynda Gregory, Reg Devenish, Lois Baker, Frank Bigg, Debbie Dunn, Cheryl Thornton, Val Goodwin, Heather Patterson, Mr Edward and Mrs Sharon Pearse, Joan Finch, Arthur Richards, Allan Dimmick, Betty Montaut, Colin Moane, Laurie Dickson, Mr Cliff and Mrs Mary Jones, Vi Hall, Donna Cromar, Marie Astill and Margaret Guthrie.

As I have lived in the community for nearly 17 years, I can honestly say that the steering committee has done an exceptional job in selecting such worthy recipients, and on behalf of a grateful community I would like to extend our thanks for their tireless efforts. Margaret Guthrie was nominated by the president of the Bribie Island community arts centre, Mrs Patricia Hartmann. Pat also would have been a worthy medal winner/recipient but she never wanted to be singled out. She always believed that everyone else did as much as she did to keep the community arts centre running efficiently—that is, except Margaret. She highly respected Margaret's commitment to the centre and valued her friendship of many years. Sadly, Pat passed away only a few days before the medals were awarded.

I would like to pay special tribute to Pat Hartmann. She was sincere, honest, hardworking and every bit a lady. I met Pat when she was involved in fundraising for the local community arts centre from the very beginning when it was a bicentenary project. She took on more and more responsibility as the project grew, becoming a member of the committee and then president in 1995—a position she held until her death. Pat regularly worked in the centre's front reception desk, even on Sundays, and would often fill in for other volunteers if they were unable to make their roster. The Bribie Island community arts centre is a credit to Pat Hartmann and all the volunteers who continue to devote their time and effort to ensuring the shire has the finest arts centre. I recommend it as a must-see for anyone visiting Bribie Island. Pat will be sadly missed by her surviving family members and the many friends she made in her 29 years of living on Bribie Island.
