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Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother

Mr QUINN (Robina—Lib) (9.46 a.m.): Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was an integral part of the royal family and played an important role in the life of Britain and the Commonwealth over the course of her remarkable century-long life. Many people will remember or have been told about the wonderful way she energised and inspired the people of London during the blitz in World War II. Her personal determination, courage and good humour during that period of history are well known and boosted the morale of all the allied forces.

The Queen Mother became queen consort to George VI under difficult circumstances following the abdication of King Edward VIII. That up until her recent death she remained one of the most respected members of the royal family is a testament to the remarkable manner in which she handled that difficult period of transition. Her Majesty was also a patron of a truly innumerable array of charitable organisations. I am particularly pleased to highlight her longstanding role as patron of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust, which has a very obvious connection with this country and with one of this country's great statesmen. Her Majesty's great interest in the welfare of children was also apparent in her association with the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Royal School for Deaf Children.

The Queen Mother will be remembered as one who took her duties as a member of the royal family seriously and who had a wholehearted commitment to both Great Britain and the Commonwealth. On behalf of the Liberal Party, I extend my condolences to the British royal family during this time of sadness.
