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LIONS CLUB OF QUEENSLAND—PARLIAMENT

Mr HOOLIHAN (Keppel—ALP) (10.27 p.m.): I would like to bring to the attention of the House the place in our society today of service clubs and volunteers. On Monday night I had the pleasure, along with many members of the House and staff, of becoming a member of the Lions Club of Queensland—Parliament. Nobody seems to stop and think of the input into our society by those volunteers and service clubs. As well as Lions we have Rotary, Zonta, Quota and many other clubs that provide large amounts of money for those less fortunate people in our society. I would like to urge all members who have not become members to consider becoming a member of the Lions Club of Queensland—Parliament.

I listened to the Minister for Emergency Services mention 88,000 volunteers in emergency services and we see the SES volunteers who are out in all sorts of weather and who undertake a great service to this community. The people who form parts of those service clubs and those volunteers really contribute to the quality of life that we enjoy in Queensland. It is a quality of life that every one of us is charged with supporting, and I would like to commend all of those volunteers, all of those service club members, for the good that they do in society. They raise moneys which go to overseas countries, and in that way we show the benevolence of our society and the benefits that the whole world receives from the goodness of Queenslanders.