



Speech by


Hon. Campbell Newman

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

McComb-King, Mrs Y

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (2.10 pm): I rise to express my deepest sympathy to the McComb-King family for the recent loss of Yvonne McComb-King AM, OBE and acknowledge Yvonne's noteworthy contribution to community and politics in Queensland. Aged 91, Yvonne passed away in Brisbane on 9 August 2012—a wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother in a large and loving family but also, and with distinct relevance in this place, Yvonne McComb-King became the first female state president of a major political party in Queensland—in this case, the Liberal Party. Yvonne joined the Liberal Party in the 1940s and was state president of the party from 1976 to 1980, after being vice-president for some years. Her devotion and loyalty to the party was substantial, but her contributions to society were equally as weighty. As a member of the Australian War Memorial Council who worked to make the memorial a centre of research and appointed a life member of the National Seniors Foundation Trust after years of significant contribution, Yvonne has left a noteworthy legacy. In a public expression of the character of the lady, her family asked that in lieu of flowers at the celebration of her life held on 17 August 2012 donations to the Royal Flying Doctor Service Queensland division were welcomed. As one of the most significant political figures in Queensland throughout the 1970s with a steadfast commitment to the community, Yvonne will be fondly remembered.