




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR INALA

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Death of Steve Jones, Motion to Take Note

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.36 am): Queensland lost a tireless champion with the sudden death of Mayor Steve Jones last week. Steve was about to recontest his position as mayor at next month's local government elections. Elected to council in 1997, Steve was elected mayor of Gatton in 2004 and then mayor of the amalgamated Lockyer Valley Regional Council in 2008.

Steve stood up and stood out during and after the 2011 floods. When many of us were down, he lifted us all. Steve was recognised in the Australian honours with the awarding of the Member of the Order of Australia, AM, on Australia Day 2013. I place on record the government's thanks for the years of service Steve gave to the community at large. Theodore Roosevelt once said—

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena ...

Steve Jones was an honest and hardworking man. Steve was a pleasure to work with. He was a community man first and foremost. He was passionate about his community and he gave years of dedicated service. My thoughts are with Steve's wife, Ann, his family, friends and the community of the Lockyer Valley as they mourn their loss. I move—

That the House take note of this statement.