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## ADJOURNMENT

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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (10.30 pm): I wish to start by sending my love and support to Sam Glancy and her partner, Peter Kelly, who is also my brother. Sam was diagnosed with leukaemia a week ago. Sam faces a long journey to recovery, but she has many people who will be helping her to achieve full recovery.

I would like to pay tribute to the many people and organisations involved in Sam's care in the first week of diagnosis and treatment. First, their local GP did a great job and I pay tribute to all GPs and other staff involved in our primary care network. The care provided by the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital has been outstanding. Coincidentally, I wear my RBWH 150th anniversary pin today. I have always been proud to have trained and worked at this fine institution, but you truly appreciate the care of staff when it is applied to someone you care for deeply.

I would also like to pay my respects and tribute to the staff at the Australian Red Cross Blood Service. My brother Peter is a regular donor, recently completing over 100 donations of plasma and platelets. As I said to him, it looks like the crows are coming home to roost for him in a good way. I admit to being previously a semiregular donor but have dropped away due to the demands of this place. I commit tonight to fixing that, and I call on all members and people in our community to consider giving blood. It does save lives.

I wish to record my deep thanks to the Leukaemia Foundation. Within 24 hours of diagnosis, my relatives were contacted and offered practical advice and support including accommodation for as long as was required. I worked as a nurse in the bone marrow transplant unit at the RBH 25 years ago and I was so impressed with the support of the Leukaemia Foundation for patients and families that I decided to help out with their annual doorknock, and I have done that regularly ever since. That appeal is coming up again in July, and I would encourage all members and people in the community to consider supporting this worthy organisation by giving a bit of time to collect or take some time to make a donation.

I would also like to pay tribute to the many researchers who continue to search for a cure for these blood cancers. In my 30 years in nursing I have seen progress, and I thank all those who dedicate themselves to life-saving research. I would also like to thank the members of the Coolum Beach prayer network.

Finally, I repeat my love and support for Sam and Pete as well as to all those people affected by leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood cancers. It has been a very difficult week for me. I am sure all members have this feeling that this place keeps us away from those that we love at times, and so it is nice to be able to record my thanks to those people who have been able to support those people.