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## ADJOURNMENT

### Jordan Electorate, Queensland Day Awards

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (12.34 am): Queensland Day is an opportunity to recognise and honour remarkable Queenslanders whose significant contributions have enriched our great state. The Jordan electorate is home to many inspiring individuals and community groups worthy of recognition for their outstanding achievements. It was with this in mind that I created the 'Jordan Greats—Queensland Day Awards'. With the seat of Jordan established in last year's state redistribution, it was also a fantastic way to better understand and acknowledge the amazing individual and community organisations within our very new electorate.

I am pleased to say that the community really embraced these awards, with a fantastic number of nominations, making the judging particularly difficult in the three categories of 'individual', 'young person' and 'community group'. Alas, there can only be one winner in each category and, on the eve of Queensland Day, I was pleased to announce the worthy recipients.

The Individual Award recipient is local philanthropist and businessman Terry Slaughter. Terry has been a massive contributor in the Jordan electorate. He is extremely active in his generous support of local charities, schools and community groups. Through his local business, Terry is well known for providing food vouchers for people in need through his partnership with Westside Community Care.

The Young Person Award recipient is tennis champion Ashleigh Barty. Many would not know that Ashleigh is a local Springfield girl and an obvious choice for the 'Jordan Greats' award. Few young people in our electorate have achieved as much as this superstar tennis champ. With plenty of wins along the way, 22-year-old Ashleigh has become a household name—currently placed 17th in the WTA rankings, inching ever closer to her career goal of achieving a top 10 ranking.

Finally, I was pleased to see the Community Group Award go to local community advocates Gales Community House. Gales Community House, now in its 16th year, provides services to the people of Gales and the surrounding area by promoting a safe and welcoming environment, offering programs, activities and services. This group of amazing volunteers assists the community to band together, get to know their neighbours and encourage social connection, developing a positive and well-connected suburb of Gales in the Jordan electorate.

I look forward to presenting each of the worthy winners with specially engraved 'Jordan Greats' medallions and, for Gales Community House, a particularly special presentation for their upcoming 16th birthday celebrations on 30 June. I look forward to continuing these very special awards for our electorate and I am confident that next year's 'Jordan Greats' will be just as worthy as this year's wonderful recipients.