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ADJOURNMENT

Ogden, Mr P

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.03 pm): It gives me great pleasure to rise tonight to speak about a very special member of the Australian Labor Party on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration—Mr Pat Ogden from Barcaldine in Queensland. Pat of course is a life member of the Australian Labor Party and regarded as one of our party's national treasures and the long-time publican of the Globe Hotel in Barcaldine—the pub where nothing was too good for the worker—which of course is the keeper of the Tree of Knowledge where the striking shearers in 1891 would meet during those difficult times and where the Australian Labor Party as a political party was born. I know members opposite have also known and respected Pat over the years as a local councillor, a community leader and sometimes even a friend. Pat celebrated his 90th birthday in Barcaldine a few weeks ago surrounded by his wife, Clare, family and friends in the grounds of the Globe Hotel. Visitors can still visit the Globe as it is now a visitor centre and art gallery.

Born in 1928, Pat dreamed of working on the railways and started in 1943 in Gladstone. He moved to Brisbane in 1949 as a shunter where he met Labor Party legends Kevin O'Leary and then Les Thorpe, who would remain his friends for the rest of their long lives, before returning home to Barcaldine, where he still lives with Clare. Pat was a member of the Australian Railway Union his entire railway life until 1964 when he left the railway service and bought the licence of the Union Hotel and then the Globe in 1970, and he remained its licensee until 2011.

I first met Pat many years ago on a Labour Day weekend in May—as it should be. That weekend a former MP in this place Bonny Barry introduced me to Pat as he was working behind the bar of the Globe. He loved the Globe, Barcaldine and the iconic Labour Day march. It remains a very special memory for me now that the Globe is no longer a working pub. I returned with my family in 2016 for the 125th anniversary of the Australian Workers' Union where Pat and Bob Hawke were the special guests of honour. I wanted my family to experience the country hospitality and the special spirit that comes with a visit to our Labor spiritual home, for them to march in the Labour Day march and to meet Pat and Clare. It was a special weekend for us all.

Pat, on the occasion of your 90th birthday, please accept my best wishes, former MP Bonny Barry's best wishes and of course the entire Labor Party's warm wishes. Tonight we will toast you and we will toast the Globe Hotel, where nothing is too good for the worker.