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## ADJOURNMENT

### Brodie, Mrs A

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.24 pm): Last week we farewelled an amazing woman, Mrs Annette Brodie. Annette was a Hathaway of Caboolture. She met her husband, Bill, on the local tennis circuit. They began their married life on the Brodie family farm in Mount Mee then took up a property in Morayfield before finally settling on their pineapple farm on the Kilcoy Beerwah Road just outside of Beerwah. They had four kids and a swag of grandkids. Annette was all about her family. Madam Deputy Speaker Lui, you should have seen them at the funeral. Story after story about how she and Bill intentionally and specifically invested in the lives of each of their grandchildren.

I was privileged to know Annette for the past 13 years. I was honoured to call her a friend. Annette was astute. I first met her when seeking preselection for the LNP for the seat of Glass House. Just like my wife, I reckon she saw right through me the minute she met me. Here I was, some city bloke, trying to convince her, a stalwart of the National Party, that I could represent a largely agricultural seat. Whilst she may have had her doubts about me, when I was successful, she was one of my staunchest supporters. I would not be here without her. Annette was wise. I suspect had we listened to her more the LNP would still be in government. She always had questions, and when I would answer her I would get her considered 'Right' or 'Oh, yes' but you could just tell she did not believe a word that I was saying—and probably for good reason.

Annette was tireless on behalf of conservative politics. She joined the National Party back in June 1975. She held executive roles in the local and regional women's and senior branches, as well as being an integral part of all five of my campaign teams. She was first to put her hand up to work pre poll and on election day. I have got to admit that her and Bill's property is one of the best sign sites in the electorate.

Annette was a quiet leader. Whether it was baking and selling cakes and slices at the Beerwah Charity Sports Day, raising funds for the Cancer Council or bringing together a group of local women to enjoy open and wide ranging discussions, it was Annette softly prompting and prodding others to contribute. We have heard of Charlie's Angels. We often joke in Glass House that, alongside Mavis Robb, Marlene Lewis and Coral McClintock, Annette should have been renamed one of 'Andrew's Angels'. Well, now she really is. Love you, Annette. Thank you for all you did. Rest easy.