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 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (10.06 am): I rise to pay tribute to Jon Sullivan, the former member for Caboolture. We have heard about his immense contribution to the community. I know he was extremely proud of what he had achieved with the Caboolture Hospital. I found him to be a true gentleman. In 2006 I was a young Caboolture councillor and I faced Jon in the preselection for the federal seat of Longman. It was a tough fight. Afterwards we pitched in together and worked on the Kevin07 campaign. That campaign was a memorable one. On the 2007 election night he took the time to thank me personally for pitching in and helping out with that campaign. Of all the people he could have thanked that night—and he thanked many people—he took the time to thank me for what I contributed. To me that is the true mark of a gentleman. That made an impression on me and is a great template for what a member of parliament should be.

I was there on the night that he lost to Wyatt Roy. He did that with such grace and a magnanimous spirit, once again showing us how to conduct oneself. It is the mark of a man. He was a true gentleman. I know that Carryn and his family are bereft. They are missing him immensely, as they always will. I know that his community in the Caboolture area will also always miss him. May he rest in peace.