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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.36 am): On behalf of the opposition I join in also passing on our sympathies on the passing of Jon Sullivan to the Sullivan family. As the Premier has outlined, Mr Sullivan was elected to this House in 1989 as the member for Glass House and served for three years before becoming the member for Caboolture between 1992 and 1998—very much a man of his political times, circumstances and surroundings. I want to reflect on some of the values that Jon brought to this place.

In particular he was conscious of the environmental challenges facing his electorate that come with a rapidly growing urban corridor between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. I know that was something he was passionate about. He was also passionate about maintaining the natural attractions of the Glass House Mountains themselves, the Conondale Range and the Pumicestone Passage. He was someone who championed the need for services—and I talk about things like roads, schools and health facilities—for what is an expanding region.

Mr Sullivan served on a range of committees throughout his time as a member, including as chairperson of the then subordinate legislation committee and the then scrutiny of legislation committee. I am told Mr Sullivan was indeed a keen parliamentarian and a keen debater and was always willing to participate and fight on behalf of his electorate. In 1992 the election saw him elected to the redrawn seat of Caboolture, which he held until 1998. I know that as he was a former member for Glass House, the current member in this House will also be reflecting on his time in public life.

Indeed, his time in public life was not done following his defeat in the late nineties, and in 2007 he was elected to serve as the federal member for Longman. Mr Sullivan was somebody who was passionate about his region and passionate about his side of politics. He was someone who fought hard for his community and his beliefs. Today we pay tribute to his service and extend our condolences to his wife, Carryn, who joins us today and who is, in fact, herself a former member, and indeed the broader family during what is a sad time for them.