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Edwards, Hon. Sir LR, AC

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.04 am): Let me start by offering my deepest condolences to Lady Jane; sons, Mark and David; brother, Tom; his grandchildren and all the family here today. Sam, you honour Sir Llew's legacy with your service and that contribution.

Sir Llew's life was one that touched generations of Queenslanders for so many different reasons. To some he was their local GP. To others he was their local MP. Then here in this place he was minister for health, treasurer and deputy premier. He was a corporate leader serving some of our most significant companies. To others again he was the University of Queensland's chancellor, attending every graduation, shaking every hand—90,000 in total I am told. But to me, my family and indeed the people of the Darling Downs, he was the man who brought the world to Queensland—Expo 88. I remember the pavilions—and I still reckon there are people waiting outside wanting to get into the Switzerland pavilion today!

Ms Grace: The Italian one was better.

Mr JANETZKI: I would go to the Munich beerhaus. There was the monorail, the sky needle, lasers, fireworks—even Jon English was here. It was quite the experience for a young country boy on his first visit to the big smoke of Brisbane. Sir Llew delivered that to us. He knew that Queensland could be part of something bigger, and he made it happen.

As so many speakers do when preparing for condolence motions, I turned to Sir Llew's maiden speech for guidance as to his political philosophy. I was stunned by its beauty and intellectual clarity. His exposition of classical liberalism could have been penned by JS Mill himself—

I fully believe in the individual's role in a free society which is so designed as to permit the fullest expression of an individual's conscience and his personality and the complete achievement of wellbeing in the society in which he lives.

In speaking of the Liberal Party's platform, he said—

... to encourage the development of the individual as well as the development of the community, promoting advanced efficiencies and technological developments with a minimum of restrictive regulation consistent with the common good.

May we in this House today aspire to such lofty ideals—ideals not just spoken into *Hansard* for posterity but lived every day in every way by this truly great Queensland. Vale, Sir Llew.