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**ADJOURNMENT**

**National Volunteer Week**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.23 pm): As we have already heard in the House this evening, last week—17 to 23 May—was National Volunteer Week. On Thursday I had the pleasure of hosting JPs and ViPs—that is, Volunteers in Policing—from the Coomera Police Station to present certificates and pins. Ten hardworking volunteers came along. The JPs who came along for the morning were: John Richardson; Don Bollard, Steve Elston, Terry Jones; and Ian Alexandre. Some of those had been JPs for upwards of 40 years. The ViPs who came along were: Brian Glazebrook; Ron Barton; Jeanette Williams; Sue Minett; and Phillip Porter. It was a real pleasure to have them there. We also had along Acting Senior Sergeant Groves, officer in charge of the Coomera Police Station, and Constable Bella Wilson. It was a very pleasant morning.

I have to say a little about the statistics on volunteers in Queensland. These statistics are included in a report entitled 'State of volunteering in Queensland' produced by Volunteering Queensland. A staggering 900.4 million hours per annum of volunteering is undertaken in Queensland. If we value that as a cost of labour replacement it amounts to over \$37 billion in 2020. The value to the community is costed at \$84 billion. We simply cannot afford to have the wonderful society we have without our wonderful volunteers.

A real treat was having young Augnes and Teresa Joy there. Augnes and Teresa are amazing young ladies. I will talk a little about them now. Augnes is in year 12 at Calamvale Community College, Brisbane. Her sister, Teresa, is in her third year studying a Bachelor of Psychology and Criminology at Griffith University, Queensland. They are on a mission to sing the national anthem of every nation of the world to promote world peace. That is their mission.

I was talking to them a little earlier. Amazingly, 195 countries are accepted by the UN as countries of the world. They can sing every one of the national anthems of those countries. There are 247 anthems around the world and they can sing every single one of those. They can now sing the Australian national anthem in Yugambeh language. I am looking forward to them singing at our citizenship ceremony on 6 June. They are going to sing a few bars of it themselves. I am looking forward to hearing them singing in a few different languages at the citizenship ceremony on 6 June. We are looking forward to inviting 100 new Aussies to take the oath of allegiance to Australia on that day.