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**Christopher Whiting**


**MEMBER FOR BANCROFT**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Masters, Senior Constable D**

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.22 pm): I rise to report back to the House on the fundraising event held for the family of Dave Masters. Dave was a senior constable at Deception Bay Police Station who lived locally and worked locally. A year ago this week he lost his life on the Bruce Highway in the line of duty. His funeral was the biggest we have seen. As members know, last year the police minister and I organised a fundraiser here in parliament for Dave's family and I want to report back to the House that we raised \$7,052 for Sharon and Jack Masters—and we still have money coming in. I thank all members of parliament who supported our fundraiser. Thank you so much. I thank the members of the local business community who came to parliament for this event. Thank you to the electorate staff in the Bancroft office—Jenelle, Stephanie and Huxley—for doing all the hard work in organising it. Thank you to Minister Ryan who gave so much support for this when I first suggested it and thank you to the shadow minister for police for his support. Thank you to the Queensland Police Union who have been unstinting in their support for the Masters family. Thank you to Commissioner Katarina Carroll and her senior staff.

I arranged for string orchestras from our local high schools—The Lakes College and North Lakes State College—to come and entertain us. They did a tremendous job. We also had the famed drum marching band from Deception Bay State High School perform on the night. I thank those three schools for being a part of this fundraiser. Secondly, I want to report back that on 3 June our local police station members unveiled a memorial rock for Dave outside the Deception Bay Police Station in the presence of the Masters family. I spoke briefly to the family and told them how much we had raised. The police minister was there again, as were many people from the blue family.

The memorial rock was a labour of love for Jason Higgs, the officer in charge of the station and a good mate of Dave. Those at the fundraiser would remember how Jason described how he was the one who packed up Dave's locker a year ago. Jason also cut and fitted the bronze plaque that was donated by the Police Union. Caboolture Land and Gravel donated the sandstone rock. Brett Moore Excavation delivered and placed the rock. Finally, I want to say that what we have heard about Dave at these events shows what a wonderful, warm and treasured man he was. He was exactly the kind of person we want to see in our police force. I hope that he can stand as a role model for all the police recruits who march out of our academies here in Queensland.