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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toowoomba South Electorate, Business Disability Awards

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (6.07 pm): Tonight I would like to reflect on the Business Disability Awards which have now become a fixture of the Toowoomba community. I want to pay tribute to the co-founders of these significant awards which have now become a fixture on the Toowoomba calendar. To Kim, Paul and David, your vision a decade ago to advocate for people living with a disability in the business community, whether it be profit or not-for-profit, to be supported is to be really commended. It is now a complete fixture on our social calendar. I think of the people who walked with them along the way to support them—people like Gay at Jazzy Lane Hair Studio and Robert Cheek at Purple Truck Driving School.

I want to acknowledge a couple of the winners from the awards held last month. Firstly, the Judy Antonio Memorial Award, presented by her husband, Mayor Paul, was won this year by Sharon Boyce. Sharon is well known and has recently been appointed to the Brisbane Olympics Legacy Committee. Sharon is an outstanding advocate and she will make a great contribution to that committee. She was a very worthy and deserving winner of that award this year.

Next was the Elissa Flanagan Aim High Scholarship. The winner of that award this year was young Fraser Wiedman who works at Impressions on Scott. He is going to use the proceeds from that award to proceed with a barista course. Young Fraser is a very worthy winner. I have to pay tribute to Kim, the wonderful emcee of the evening, who spoke so beautifully on that night. It was wonderful to again be with the family of Elissa, in whose honour that award is named. Elissa passed away in a car accident on the way home from these awards a number of years ago. Elissa was Kim's niece. To Elissa's family, this is such a wonderful award and it is so pleasing that Elissa can be honoured in that way.

I want to acknowledge Joshua Brown as Outstanding Employee of the Year through Angie's Domestic Duties. Angie's is a Toowoomba institution and again a great supporter of these awards. Nadia Brady was Volunteer of the Year. She works with a range of volunteer organisations throughout the community. Congratulations, Nadia. The Indigenous Champion of the Year went to the Jaydon Adams Memorial Foundation. An emotional Lizzie Adams accepted that award. She is not just the president of Brothers but also CEO of Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement. Lizzie is a wonderful advocate throughout our community.

The Outstanding Employer went to McDonald's Toowoomba, to Mark and Heidi Ward. I want to pay tribute to them and what they do throughout the community as an outstanding employer and for their advocacy for people living with a disability. I want to note Wilsonton State School received an award for social inclusion and Westbrook Gardens, for innovation and access.

Again, to the founders of these awards, to Kim, David and Paul, who is now taking over the Loads of Love campaign in Toowoomba, I say thank you. These are important awards throughout our community and they are to be commended for their vision.