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**Death of Queen Elizabeth II and Accession of King Charles III, Address of Condolence and Congratulations**

 **Mr KNUTH** (Hill—KAP) (12.01 pm): Queen Elizabeth was and will remain an icon to the world. To put it simply, Queen Elizabeth was the Michael Jordan of aristocracy and has been the most recognisable person from the four corners of the globe during the majority of her 96 years. There have been over 200 films and series on Queen Elizabeth which in itself is extraordinary and highlights the constant attention from admirers around the world.

Born on 21 April 1926, the then princess acceded to the throne on 2 June 1953. The Queen was the longest serving monarch in British history and ushered the monarchy into the 20th and 21st century. The Queen was served by 15 prime ministers during her reign and made the first radio broadcast in October 1940 during World War II. Some of Queen Elizabeth's most notable achievements include service in World War II, modernising the monarchy, her tireless charity work, guiding the transformation to the Commonwealth, supporting racial justice in the Commonwealth and becoming the first British monarch to address the Congress in the United States of America. The Queen was a steady hand and a role model for stability to the Commonwealth and throughout the world.

The Queen has lived throughout and encountered more than most people could imagine in 10 life spans. Queen Elizabeth was loved worldwide, no matter one's race, creed, religion or age. However, it was Queen Elizabeth's common touch, kindness and love of the people that everyone will remember. Queen Elizabeth was a leader of the highest calibre who never faltered in the face of war, tyranny, domestic affairs or threats. The great American general Douglas MacArthur once said—

A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.

This, I believe, explains Queen Elizabeth perfectly.

Personally, the passing of the Queen was a very sad day for me, and the outpouring of emotions through my electorate of Hill, Queensland, Australia and the world was nothing like I have ever seen before. Queen Elizabeth II will forever be remembered and never forgotten. On behalf of the Hill electorate, vale to the Queen.