




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ADJOURNMENT

Dodt, Mr L

 **Ms MARR** (Thuringowa—LNP) (9.15 pm): Today it is both a privilege and an honour to rise to celebrate a truly remarkable individual, Mr Leslie Dodt, who on 25 March celebrated the extraordinary milestone of his 100th birthday. I had the great pleasure of visiting Mr Dodt and his wonderful wife, Grace, in their home in Thuringowa where they have lived for the past 24 years, after moving from Toowoomba. We shared a lovely morning tea, enjoying tea in fine china cups and saucers, the way tea is truly meant to be enjoyed. As a sidenote, Mr and Mrs Dodt had very kind words for the member for Toowoomba South. They said they would be thrilled to have him visit them the next time he is in Townsville.

Mr Dodt is a humble man, often with very few words to say, but he was genuinely touched that I took the time to meet him for his birthday. He proudly showed me the congratulatory cards from both the Premier and the King, which he displayed at his family celebration at the local pub on Tuesday. Listening to Mr Dodt and Grace, who have shared 74 wonderful years of marriage, you begin to understand the strength of their family values.

Mr Dodt has spent his life dedicated to hard work, beginning on the family farm when he left school. He has instilled the same values of dedication, integrity and perseverance in his family. Those principles continue to be upheld by his loved ones, which is evident when you see the pride on the face of his granddaughter, Brenda Stone, who joined us for the celebration. Brenda Stone is a fine artist from Townsville. Together, the Dodts raised a family that includes six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, each of whom is fortunate to grow up surrounded by such love and care.

Mr Dodt enjoys reading the paper and having a cold beer—perhaps a result of his 36 years of service at Carlton United Malting. Mr Dodt's life is a testament to the power of family, love and living with purpose. His remarkable longevity speaks not just to his own personal strength but also to the warmth and care provided by his family who have supported and nurtured him throughout his life.

On behalf of all members and myself personally, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr Dodt on his 100th birthday. May he continue to enjoy good health, the company of his loved ones and many more years of joy.