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 **Ms MARR** (Thuringowa—LNP) (2.54 pm): I rise today to speak of the great pride I have in representing the community of Thuringowa. Reflecting on the past 12 months, I have had the privilege of embracing this community, listening to its heartbeat and serving as its voice in this chamber. From the bottom of my heart, I express my deepest gratitude to everyone in Thuringowa who has welcomed me into their lives. To every resident who has answered my knock at your door, thank you. Those moments of connection from heartfelt hugs to sharing a cuppa or patting your dog, you have given me a deeper understanding of what makes Thuringowa so special. I could write a book about the conversations that we have shared. Even when we do not see eye to eye, your willingness to engage in honest, real dialogue makes my day and strengthens our community.

To the school principals, teachers, staff and students: I am so grateful for the warmth with which you have welcomed me into your schools. Whether it is flipping pancakes, being at fetes, reading stories in the library or celebrating your achievements, being part of your community has been an absolute joy.

To every small business owner: thank you for our constructive conversations about supporting each other and wanting to thrive and grow in the Thuringowa community. From roadside chats to bustling moments at the Willows markets and shopping centres, you make my role a rewarding journey. Your stories, ideas and passion inspire me every day.

Together we have achieved some remarkable outcomes over the past year and I am proud to celebrate those successes with you, but let me be very clear: this is just the beginning. There is still so much work to do and I am committed to continuing this journey with you.

I want to also address concerns about the Labor crime crisis we inherited. While we have seen some positive results locally—and I commend the tireless efforts of our local Queensland Police Service—there is still a long road ahead. Your safety is my top priority and I will not rest until every resident of Thuringowa starts to feel more secure and safe in their home and community. To the people of Thuringowa: thank you for placing your trust in me last October. You voted for a fresh start and I pledge to keep listening, learning and delivering for you. Together, we will continue to build a strong, safer and more vibrant Thuringowa.

While I am on my feet, I would like to take this opportunity to send my thoughts and prayers to our defence community in Townsville, especially the families of those soldiers who were injured today and to the family of the soldier who has tragically passed. We are a very proud garrison city and we are ready to support you and your family through this tragedy.