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Clauson, Mr PJ, AM

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (9.41 am): I rise to honour the life of Paul John Clauson—former member for Redlands, former attorney-general of Queensland and, by all accounts, a true gentleman. The Premier spoke of Paul's public service and his contribution to this parliament. Today, I wish to reflect on something quieter—the character of the man behind the titles. I met Paul only once. What stayed with me was not status or office, but thoughtfulness—frank advice given honestly and respectfully without any expectation. It was calm and generous and very considered. In this place that kind of presence matters.

To understand Paul more fully, I sought the reflections of former member for Redlands Matt McEachan. He described a gentleman with a wicked, mischievous and irreverent sense of humour—shared privately between friends, bringing laughter that left them both in tears. He spoke, too, of Paul's deep love for his wife and the peace he found sailing on Moreton Bay. He could not recall anyone speaking of Paul with anything but warmth.

On the night Paul passed, his good friend Andrew shared a message from Paul's daughter, Camilla: that he was ready to let his body rest. Paul asked for no funeral, no wake, only that people raise a glass in quiet remembrance. Today, Camilla is here in the gallery. Camilla, to you, I say: your father is remembered not only for what he did, but for who he was—thoughtful, kind, quietly wise and deeply loved.

For the Redlands, Paul will always be part of our story. In honour we remember quietly, give thanks sincerely and in our own way raise a glass to a life well lived. May he rest in peace. Vale, Paul John Clauson.