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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Cutler, Mr KT

 **Ms MARR** (Thuringowa—LNP) (2.09 pm): I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant, educator and community builder from North Queensland who passed away recently. On Thursday, 12 March 2026, Mr Kevin Thomas Cutler of Kelso, Townsville passed away peacefully at the age of 89. A loving husband to his amazing wife, Gwennyth, a devoted father to Michael, Andrew, Anne-Marie, Helen, Bruce, Douglas, Denis and Richard—eight children—and cherished grandfather and great-grandfather I believe to 30, Kevin leaves behind a rich legacy of service to the people of Thuringowa and Townsville.

Kevin began his working life as a much loved teacher at Aitkenvale State School. For decades he stood in front of classrooms across our region inspiring generations of young North Queenslanders with his patience, encouragement and belief in the potential of every child. Many former students still speak warmly of Mr Cutler and the positive influence he had on their lives.

Beyond the classroom, Kevin answered a call to public service. In 1994 he was elected as a councillor to the Thuringowa shire council. During a period of rapid growth he worked constructively with his fellow councillors to deliver practical outcomes for local families, better infrastructure, stronger neighbourhoods and real opportunities for the next generation.

Kevin's most enduring contributions, however, lie in the two community institutions he helped establish and nurture. He played a leadership role in the creation of the Thuringowa RSL Sub Branch, ensuring veterans of our region would always have a place of honour, support and camaraderie. He also poured his energy into founding the Thuringowa Brass Band, later serving as its president. Through countless rehearsals, Anzac marches, community events and performances, Kevin helped build a band that has brought music, pride and joy to thousands of residents and continues to do so today.

Kevin Cutler embodied the very best of the Queensland spirit: quiet dedication, a little cheeky, practical service and a deep commitment to community. He was a teacher who shaped minds, a councillor who shaped our city, a champion of veterans who honoured our past and a band leader who helped our community sing and march together.

To dear Gwennyth and the entire Cutler family I send my deepest condolences on behalf of the people of Thuringowa and this state. Your husband, father and grandfather was a man who made a genuine difference. His memory will live on every time the Thuringowa Brass Band plays and every time our RSL flag is raised. May Kevin Thomas Cutler rest in eternal peace. Thuringowa and Townsville are a better place because he lived amongst us. Kevvy, I will miss your smile and our cheeky, fun and always informative conversations. Rest in peace, my dear friend.