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**Mr Speaker**

This Sunday – October 12 - marks the first anniversary of the Bali bombing

It is a time that we must all pause to reflect on that senseless loss of life.

Two hundred and two people lost their lives when bombs destroyed the Sari Club and Paddy's Bar and surrounds – 88 of them to die were Australians - among them seven Queenslanders – David Kent, Robert Thwaites, Nathan Swain, Jared Gane, Billy Hardy, Jodie Cearns and Julie Stevenson.

On Sunday I am asking that Queenslanders pause to reflect on that horrible tragedy.

As well as all flags flying at half mast I am also calling upon religious groups gathering for weekend services to include Bali memorial elements in their programs.

Queenslanders are marking the day in different ways – some are wearing orange ribbons – the Bali symbol of peace - and others will be gathering in memorial services.

Among those services are:

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Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland, will dedicate a Bali Monument at the Allambe Gardens Crematorium at 2pm.

The Bali Monument will be inscribed with the names of the 88 Australians killed in the bombing.

The monument is supported by the Zero to One Foundation, which was founded by Geoffrey and Syamsinar Thwaites, parents of Robert Thwaites - who I <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~named~~ earlier.

The Zero to One Foundation aims to provide direct relief and assistance to victims of terrorism and their immediate family and dependents.

Another service is one organised by the Australian Federal Police. The AFP is holding a gathering and ecumenical service at their Northern Headquarters, Wharf Street, Spring Hill beginning at 4.30pm.

Innovation and Information Economy Minister will represent the Government at this gathering.

I will be attending events in North Queensland and at all of those gatherings I will be calling on those present to not pause for a minute – but to pause for 88 seconds - to pay due respect to each of those who lost their lives.

The 88 seconds of silence is in line with a similar gesture being undertaken in Victoria by Premier Steve Bracks following a suggestion from some of the families of the victims.

That time will be a time for us to also remember the family members, friends and mates of those who lost loved ones.

We as nation hope and pray that there will never be repeats of Anzac Cove, Tobruk, Long Tan and the likes but we - especially our youth - must now be ever vigilant and mindful that there are new battlefronts and we must be alert to those people whose actions we cannot understand and whose actions we deplore.

Sadly so many young people lost their lives that night and so many were injured.

The 12 months has passed so quickly – but for those who lost loved ones or were injured it must have seemed a lifetime --- we as a nation must never forget them.

Sunday is also a time to reflect on the exceptional work done by all Queensland Police, Queensland Health, Queensland Ambulance and Queensland Fire and Rescue Services in dealing with all emergencies and tragedies.

These agencies, as proven in October last year, combined their already tasked roles to at-a-moment's notice communicate, plan and work effectively across State, Commonwealth and International Agencies in a time of great need.

I now call on all - with the Speaker's approval – to call on the house to rise and to be silent for 88 seconds.