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**Induction of Sue Boyce - Queensland Senate**

**Mr ELMES (Noosa--Lib) (12.22 pm):** I do not want to let this opportunity go by without offering my very personal congratulations to Sue. She is a great mate and I could not be happier to see her and her daughter sitting here today to accept the nomination of this parliament. It is a wonderful, wonderful day. For anyone who knows Sue and the work that she has done in the Liberal Party over a great many years, it is one of those rewards that have been long in coming. I know that she will celebrate it and work exceptionally hard over the many years of her career in the Australian Senate to make sure that she fulfils her destiny.

It is often said that if you want something done you ask a busy person. That is certainly the case with Sue Boyce. We have heard today about her activities not only in her business life through the chair of Everhard Industries but also in the many other community roles that she has as deputy chair of the Greater Brisbane Area Consultative Committee, president of Lifeways Inc. and, of course, president of the Women's Council in the Liberal Party. I have known Sue pretty well over the years. One cannot go anywhere in any forum in the Liberal Party and not see Sue Boyce playing a constructive role to move the party forward, not only via the Women's Council but also in all of the other sections of the party as well. Sue, as we have heard, is the mother of three children. As we have also heard, Sue is the mum of a disabled child. Coming from a similar background I know what that means to family life.

I congratulate her not only on what she has done in her role as a mum and a carer but also on what she has done through the many organisations that she has been a part of in order to ensure that all kids who have a disability and the parents of those kids have some hope for the future. Sue has travelled the state extensively so she knows her state well. She will be an outstanding senator in Queensland. I wish her personally, on behalf of Lesleigh and myself, all the very best. She will be absolutely fantastic. I congratulate her on her appointment.

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