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The President, **Mr Farrell**, took the Chair at 11 a.m., acknowledged the Traditional People and read Prayers.

PROCLAMATION

His Majesty King Charles III

[11.01 a.m.]

Mr PRESIDENT - The following Proclamation has been received from Her Excellency the Governor:

WHEREAS because of the death of our blessed and glorious Queen Elizabeth II, the Crown has solely and rightfully come to Prince Charles Philip Arthur George:

We, therefore, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, and members of the Executive Council, do now proclaim Prince Charles Philip Arthur George to be King Charles III, by the Grace of God King of Australia and his other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, and, with hearty and humble affection, we promise him faith and obedience:

May King Charles III have long and happy years to reign over us.

Given at Hobart

This 11th day of September 2022

And in the first year of His Majesty's reign.

Signed Barbara Baker, Governor, and
Jeremy Rockliff, Premier.

MESSAGE FROM HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Noting of Joint Address - Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II

[11.02 a.m.]

Mr PRESIDENT - The House of Assembly, having agreed to the following resolution, begs now to transmit the same to the Legislative Council and request its concurrence therein -

That the following Address be presented to His Majesty the King, through Her Excellency the Governor:

TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, THE KING:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

The Members of the Parliament of Tasmania, the House of Assembly, desire to express to Your Majesty, the deep sorrow with which we have received the news of the so-much lamented death of our late Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia, a Sovereign whose reign, unprecedented in length, was characterised by Her unfailing devotion to the duties of Her exalted Office, particularly as Head of the Commonwealth of Nations, and whose patience and leadership was a model for all Her people and will ever cause Her name to be remembered with reverence and affection.

We deeply sympathise with Your Majesty and all other Members of the Royal Family in your bereavement, and we pray that there may be before Your Majesty, a long, peaceful and prosperous Reign.

Signed, Mark Shelton, Speaker, House of Assembly, 13 September 2022.

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the message be taken into consideration forthwith.

Motion agreed to.

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

[11.04 a.m.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the Resolution from the House be agreed to and the blank be filled up with the words 'Legislative Council and the'.

I will speak to the motion, Mr President. It was only earlier this year that I rose to pay tribute to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, to mark the 70th anniversary of accession to the throne, as Queen of England and, of course, of Australia.

I rise now to speak on the occasion of her passing. I do so mindful of the genuine and unprecedented feelings of grief and heartfelt sorrow that her death has engendered and yet also gratitude for her life and service, not only in Tasmania, but across the globe.

Queen Elizabeth was a woman almost universally admired. She was Queen of Australia for an astonishing seven decades, more than half the time we have been in federation. As our longest serving monarch, she saw 16 Australian prime ministers come and go. Most Australians have never heard the anthem, *God Save the King* and have never paid money for goods and services in this country other than with currency that bears the profile of the Queen.

As many commentators and dignitaries have noted, for the great majority of Australians, she was a constant presence in a changing world; a constant and reassuring presence.

Throughout her reign, Queen Elizabeth maintained an air of unflappable dignity, responsibility, commitment and focus that is truly admirable. We are all aware of the vow of service that Princess Elizabeth took at her coronation when she was a very young woman, barely seven years out of her teens. She made the following pledge:

I can make my solemn act of dedication with a whole Empire listening.
I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

Service to the Commonwealth and her people was her focus. This remained the case until the day that she died. Perhaps the most appropriate action in remembrance of the Queen at this time is to simply say, thank you, just as the new King himself did. Thank you for your sense of duty and devotion to the institution that is the Crown and to the family and all the nations and their peoples that comprise the Commonwealth.

Vale Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr PRESIDENT - I invite all Honourable Members to signify their support for the Motion by standing in your place and observing one minute's silence.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

[11.08 a.m.]

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That a message be transmitted to the House of Assembly acquainting that house accordingly.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That as a mark of respect to our late Queen, that at its rising the Council does adjourn until 11 a.m. on Tuesday 27 September 2022.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs HISCUTT (Montgomery - Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council) - Mr President, I move -

That the Council do now adjourn.

The Council adjourned at 11.09 a.m.