

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012

### SMITH, CORPORAL SCOTT JAMES

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:28):** I rise, too, to support the condolence motion for Corporal Scott Smith. I was very fortunate: in the time my brother served in the armed forces, I managed to see him deploy on overseas duty twice and managed to welcome him home. As has been indicated before, I cannot imagine the terrible loss that Scott Smith's family are going through in knowing they will not be able to hold him in their arms again. He has paid the ultimate sacrifice, keeping us safe throughout the city, the state and our nation, and we salute him for that. My niece went to school with Scott at Tanunda Primary School and also at Nuriootpa High School. She said that he was just a lovely bloke who was a great character.

I say to the family: please accept our motion today. We honour his service. We are very grateful for it. We obviously do not see the service that these men and women do for us in these nations far away from Australia, yet we are so proud of what they do for us, and what they will do for us into the future. To Corporal Scott Smith, Special Forces combat engineer, we say farewell; you are gone but not forgotten, and our condolences to your family, your partner and your friends.