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PRIME MINISTER

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CONDOLENCE MOTION FOR MR HORACE JAMES GARRICK

I move that this House expresses its deep regret at the death on 6 April 1982 of Mr Horace James Garrick, Member of this House for the division of Batman from 1969 to 1977, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

All Members of this House will be saddened to learn of the death of one of our former colleagues who died recently. Horace Garrick was the ALP Member for Batman from 1969 to 1977. He was born on 26 August 1918 in Melbourne and educated at the Hawthorn West Central School and Swinburne Technical College.

He was elected to Parliament at the general election on 25 October 1969 succeeding the then independent Member for Batman, Sam Benson. He retired from the House on 10 November 1977, just prior to the general election.

In his maiden speech on 11 March 1970, Mr Garrick referred to the problems of urban living and the importance he saw for local government in our three tiered system of government. He was concerned about the quality of life, especially in the suburban environment and, of course, was able to speak of this with first hand knowledge and experience. He became a member of the Collingwood Council in 1957 and Mayor of Collingwood from 1960 to 1961 and again from 1968 to 1969. He therefore made an important contribution to the local government scene in Victoria. Additionally, he was a commissioner with the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works from 1964 to 1973.

Mr Garrick was re-elected at the general elections of 1972, 1974 and 1975 and throughout this period served the Parliament as a Member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Library from 3 March 1976 to 10 November 1977 and as a Member of the Public Works Committee from 18 July 1974 to 11 November 1975. He was a member of the Australian Parliamentary Mission to the United States and Mexico in June/July 1972, a member of the IPU Spring meeting held here in Canberra in April 1977, and attended the 64th IPU conference in Sofia in September 1977.

I am sure his sporting activities in his electorate will be fondly remembered. He was a keen footballer and athlete himself, as well as being a member of sporting organisations in the area - the Collingwood Football Club and the Fitzroy Bowling Club. He was also a member of the Northcote RSL and the Preston Social Club.

Members of this House have lost a friend and colleague, one who was vitally interested in civic affairs and who served the electors of Batman well.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathies.

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