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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Delta Cleaners & Laundry**

 **Mr LAST** (Burdekin—LNP) (6.05 pm): I rise to inform the House of another amazing achievement by a business in the electorate of Burdekin. As I have said before, the Burdekin is the most diverse in Queensland and a powerhouse of the Queensland economy. One of the reasons that my electorate is a powerhouse is because of the dedication and hard work demonstrated by small business. One such business is Delta Cleaners & Laundry.

I am pleased to inform the House that last week Delta Cleaners & Laundry celebrated 60 years in business. In 1959 Charlie, Frank and Sam Nucifora were talked out of buying a cane farm and into buying a dry-cleaning business, despite having no knowledge of that business. Despite hard times and needing to learn everything from scratch, the Nucifora brothers saw their business grow as the Burdekin district grew. But it was not due to luck: it was due to hard work and their belief that as a family they could achieve more than they could ever achieve on their own. The Nucifora family did not celebrate alone, and neither should they. Their contribution to community groups, service clubs and events in the Burdekin district is legendary, and that contribution and commitment has been passed to the next generation as they play a bigger and bigger part in the business. Whether it is supporting community groups with sponsorships or making and selling burgers for Rotary, the Nucifora family has shown that supporting your community is an important part of having a successful business.

During the recent monsoon event Charlie, Frank and Sam and their families and employees went above and beyond. With many of their competitors unable to service aged care facilities due to flooding, Delta Cleaners & Laundry sprang into action working long days in the heat of a commercial laundry to ensure these important members of our community were cared for. On behalf of those who were helped I say a heartfelt thank you.

In their 60 years in business Delta Cleaners & Laundry have gone from washing 50 sheets a day to thousands. They process laundry from all over North Queensland. The machinery they use got bigger, the area they service grew, and the pride that they took in what they did went from strength to strength. They have evolved through innovation over the past 60 years, but underlying that evolution is an undying loyalty to the Burdekin community and sheer hard work. I am sure all members join me in congratulating the Nucifora family on 60 years in business. As the member for Burdekin, I am proud to provide yet another example of what is achieved in my electorate and the people who live and work in our community.