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MR. RAMSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to use my statement today to highlight Nurses' Week, which is the week of May 10 to 16.

Nurses have been, and remain, the cornerstone of our health care system. I want to share with you part of an email that I received from a friend of mine who has been in and out of hospital the past few years.

"Hi, Dave. Just got out of Stanton. Second time this month after another bout of pneumonia. My treatment and care were, as always, first class. We are blessed with nurses and doctors who really care about people."

It is treatment like this that our residents receive from our dedicated and professional nurses across the territory -- from the small community nurse to the ER nurses at our busiest hospital, Stanton, that we are to be very thankful for.

They are on duty for us 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and we are to be very thankful for that. My wife, Amanda, happens to be a nurse and I must say that I get to see firsthand how passionate she is about her job. That passion is something that is common and I see it in all nurses that I meet.

I believe it is very important today to recognize the contribution of all nurses, especially during Nurses' Week. To all the nurses across the Territory, thank you very much for all you do for us.