

Mr DOLLIS (Richmond) - It is a privilege and an honour for me to represent the people of Richmond and the Australian Labor Party in Parliament. As I begin my term of office I pay a tribute to my predecessor, Mr Theo Sidiropoulos, the former honourable member for Richmond. He has been a political colleague and personal friend of mine for more than fifteen years. It is an honour to succeed him.

Theo Sidiropoulos was the first Greek-born member of the Victorian Parliament and he effectively represented the Richmond electorate. Theo was liked by honourable members from both sides of the House and, in many respects, he will be a hard act to follow.

He is a person with a great sense of humour and considerable charm, a product of his political and cultural environment. He is a proud Greek/Australian whose presence in this House will be greatly missed.

Honourable Members - Hear, Hear