

Legislative Council Hansard – 15 August 2018 – Proof

POLISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONCERT

The Hon. DAVID CLARKE (11:08): I move:

(1) That this House notes that:

(a) on Friday 1 June 2018 the Polish Community Council of Australia, under the Presidency of Mrs Margaret Kwiatkowska, hosted in the Sydney Town Hall a concert entitled "Tribute to Freedom" which was attended by over 1,500 members and friends of the Polish-Australian community;

(b) the concert, which was organised to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of Poland and to honour the centenary of Polish Independence featured:

(i) the Manly-Warringah Orchestra with conductor Carlos Alvarado;

(ii) Ms Daniela Leska, soprano;

(iii) Mr Konrad Olszewski, Mr Krzysztof Malek, Mr Alan Kogosowski and Mr Benjamin Burton, pianists;

(iv) Ms Julia Williams, manager of the Manly-Warringah Orchestra assisted by Mr Kowalik who facilitated in arranging the participation of the orchestra;

(v) Mrs Marta Kaczmarek, master of ceremonies of the concert; and

(vi) Mr Grzegorz Machnacki, artistic director of the concert.

(c) those whose support allowed this concert to take place included:

(i) the City of Sydney;

(ii) the Senate of the Republic of Poland;

(iii) Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth;

(iv) Holy Family Services;

(v) the "Wspolnota Polska" Association;

(vi) the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Canberra;

(vii) the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney;

(viii) the Polonia-Polish Association of Queensland;

(ix) Polish Foundation in New South Wales;

(x) Polish Society of Polish Culture in Victoria and New South Wales;

(xi) Eugeniusz Zebrowski; and

(xii) Polish Media: Radio SBS, Puls Polonii, *Polish Weekly* and *Bumerang Polski*.

(d) those who attended as guests included:

(i) His Excellency Mr Michal Kolodziejski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland;

(ii) Ms Malgorzata Gosiewska, member of Parliament, Poland;

(iii) Mr Wojciech Ziemniak, member of Parliament, Poland;

(iv) Mrs Regina Jurkowska, Consul-General of the Republic of Poland in Sydney;

(v) Mrs Dorota Preda, Vice-Consul of the Republic of Poland in Sydney;

(vi) the Hon. David Clarke, MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice also representing the Hon. Ray Williams, MP, Minister for Multiculturalism and the New South Wales Government; and Mrs Marisa Clarke;

(vii)Mr Jason Falinski, MP, Federal member of Mackellar and Ms Nicola Constant;

(viii)the Hon. Robert Borsak, MLC, and Mrs Cheryl Borsak;

(ix)Councillor Stephen Bali, MP, State member for Blacktown and Mayor of Blacktown City Council;

(x)Ms Nancy Benites, Consul General of Colombia;

(xi)Mr Adam Gajkowski, President of the Federation of Polish Organisations in New South Wales various Polish priests and sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Sydney;

(xii)various Polish priests and sisters of the Holy Family of Nazereth in Sydney;

(xiii)representatives of numerous Polish organisations around Australia including Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania; and

(xiv)representatives of various ethnic and other community organisations.

(2) That this House congratulates and commends:

(a)the Polish Community Council of Australia on its organising and hosting of the "Tribute to Freedom" concert held in Sydney Town Hall on Friday 1 June 2018 paying tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Poland; and

(b)those who participated in the "Tribute to Freedom" concert and those who sponsored and assisted in making its presentation possible.

(3) That this House congratulates the Republic of Poland and the Polish-Australian community on the occasion of the centenary of Polish Independence.

Motion agreed to.