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MEDIA RELEASE

GOOD NEWS STORY: “FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES”

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On 14 October, during a debate on a Notice of Motion concerning the book launch of Nick Cook’s *Fighting for Our Lives*, Rev Fred Nile shared a brief account of how he helped two individuals who were in need of medical treatment for AIDS, but who didn’t have the money for travel during the ongoing corona lockdown. Below is an extract of Rev Nile’s speech extracted from the Parliamentary *Hansard*.

Launch of Book: “Fighting for Our Lives”

Wednesday 14 October 2020

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (18:24:45): I thank the Hon. Shayne Mallard for moving this motion and drawing our attention to the release of the publication *Fighting For Our Lives* by Nick Cook. I have a brief good news story to share. During the height of the pandemic I had a phone call from a young man in Toowoomba who told me that he and his twin brother had been diagnosed with AIDS. They had been offered treatment at St Vincent's Hospital but they had no money. The young man asked me if I could help pay for their airfares from Toowoomba to Sydney, which I was very pleased to do. The good news is that they had an unusual treatment, which I still do not fully understand. It involved removing contaminated blood and replacing it with non-contaminated blood. That experiment was successful. They told me that they were both free of AIDS and that they had returned to Toowoomba. I was pleased to have that personal contact with those two young men and to help them and quite a few others in the same period.

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