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VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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Rev Fred Nile supported the government's Motion commemorating "Victory in Europe Day – 75th Anniversary". The full text of the motion can be accessed online [here](#). Below is an extract of Rev Nile's speech extracted from the Parliamentary *Hansard*.

VICTORY DAY

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (17:28:21): I am pleased to support the motion moved by the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones acknowledging Victory in Europe Day. As I was meditating on what I should say in support of the motion, my memory went back to my father. He was English. He was born in Plymouth and when he was 17 years of age he joined the Gloucestershire Regiment. He served in France for a couple of years until he was wounded— machine-gunned by the Germans—and sent back to the hospital in the UK, where he was patched up and sent back to France again. The Germans had two goes at him and I am grateful that he survived the second time. His brother Samuel joined the British Navy in which he served for a number of years. A number of other relatives of mine took part in various aspects of World War I and World War II. My uncle Ron, who was born in New Zealand, served with the New Zealand Army in the Middle East for a number of years. I thank the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones for moving the motion, which reminds us of all those who served our nation and sacrificed their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom we have today in Australia. I thank God for all those who have served our nation, especially those who have given their lives in the service of Australia. I am pleased to support the motion.

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