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Mr ABBOTT (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (14:03): On indulgence, I rise to support the eloquent words of the Prime Minister. Normally we rise in this place to commemorate a fallen warrior. Today we rise to acknowledge an Australian soldier who is, magnificently, alive. Corporal Dan Keighran has been awarded the Victoria Cross for consistent and conspicuous gallantry, putting himself at risk for his mates as a section commander with the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. The Derapet engagement had its share of tragedy as well as its success. As we honour Daniel Keighran, we grieve for Jared MacKinney.

This is the first Victoria Cross for Australia to be awarded to a member of the Royal Australian Regiment. It is a fitting tribute to the gallantry of this unit, especially the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment, which has not always had the recognition it deserves. Daniel Keighran joins a remarkable elite, the best of the best, the bravest of the brave and we salute him in this House.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!