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VALE JOAN KIRNER

Joan Kirner was a dear friend, an inspirational leader, and an endless champion for the West.

A teacher by profession and in spirit, Joan taught me the importance of standing strong and to always stay true to the things that matter.

Joan had endless spirit, a fighting strength and a true love for the Party.

Whether it was as an MP, Minister, our first female Premier, or as an advocate for the many issues she fought so passionately for, Joan's focus was always on a better Victoria.

Labor has lost a true stalwart.

I will miss Joan endlessly. I will miss her friendship and laughter, her wisdom and counsel.

She was an inspiration and mentor for so many, particularly women in politics, and we are poorer for having lost her.

I send my most sincere of condolences to Joan's husband, Ron, their three children, Michael, Kate and David, and four grandchildren.

