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## Unions pay tribute to Joan Kirner, AC

The Australian Union movement today pays tribute to former Victorian Premier, Joan Kirner, AC.

As a teacher, community activist, Minister and Victoria's first woman Premier, Joan Kirner was both a leader and a role model.

She was dedicated to ensuring education was equitable for all.

As a founder of EMILY'S LIST, an organisation devoted to increasing women's participation in politics, Ms Kirner helped pave the way for a generation of women seeking a career in politics.

She will be remembered for her enormous contribution to public life and as an inspiration to women in our community.

### Quotes attributable to ACTU President Ged Kearney:

"Joan refused to accept inequality and fought tirelessly to better Australian society."

"Joan was a champion of women in leadership and served as a mentor to many women in the broader labour movement.

"It's thanks to Joan that the current Victorian State Labor Government has nearly 50 percent representation of women ministers.

"We send our deepest condolences to Ron, Michael, David, and Kate and their families."

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