



Speech by

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Death of Mr P. R. Smith, MP, and Mr C. George, ISO

Mr QUINN (Robina—Lib) (9.37 a.m.): As Leader of the Liberal Party, it is my pleasure to join in the condolence motion for Percy Ray Smith. As the Premier said, Ray was born in Warwick, had a distinguished education, and was a man of legal learning. He had a long and distinguished career in the RAAF, attaining the position of Group Captain. He fought in World War II and in Vietnam and, in those terms, provided distinguished service to this country. In 1957 Ray came into parliament where he again interested himself in legal matters, matters of justice, and matters concerning young people. Ray served his community well. As the Premier said, he was vitally interested in many community organisations within his electorate and, indeed, across the state. He is survived by his wife, four children and five grandchildren.

On behalf of the Liberal Party, I extend condolences to Ray's family and friends. He was a good member, a long-serving member of the Liberal Party and one who made a significant contribution to this parliament and to the state in general.
