



Speech by

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Death of Mr E. G. Lloyd, MP

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.36 a.m.): On behalf of the opposition I rise today to join with the Premier in expressing the condolences of the opposition to the family of the late Eric Lloyd. Eric was born on 1 January 1918 and for a lot of us that is a very long time ago. He died on 3 June 2003 on the Sunshine Coast. Eric was educated at the State Commercial High School. At 16 he began employment as a reporter in the State Reporting Bureau, which handled the correspondence of members of the Queensland parliament. In 1940 he enlisted in the RAAF and served in the United Kingdom and the Middle East, rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in the Battle of Tobruk while a navigator with the RAAF 458 Squadron. He married Bridie Ross in August 1943 before serving the remainder of the war in the Pacific regions.

Returning to his previous civilian employment, Eric Lloyd became the private secretary to Premier Ned Hanlon, a role he performed from 1946 to 1951. In 1951 he was the ALP candidate for a by-election in the state seat of Kedron. He held this seat for the ALP until his retirement in 1972. He was highly regarded by his colleagues and was a very capable debater in this place. He is remembered for his work in establishing housing developments in the Grovely and Stafford areas and for the expansion of schools at Mitchelton, Everton and Grovely. He was an enthusiastic lawn bowler who was an active member of the Parliamentary Bowls Club, attending many interstate tournaments.

After his retirement he moved to Coolum Beach where he established a successful real estate business. He is survived by his wife, Bridie, and sons, Gary and Rick. Again, on behalf of the opposition I pass on our condolences to his family.
