



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.49 am): Today I want to pay tribute to Queensland rock music guitarist, songwriter and producer Lobby Loyde who died on 21 April. This is less than two months after the death of his former band mate Billy Thorpe, who described Lobby as the godfather of Australian rock guitarists. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Lobby was born John Baslington Lyde at Longreach and spent his early years in Aramac. A self-taught player, I'm told he even crafted his own guitar from wood.

Lobby never forgot his early days playing in Brisbane bands, describing these times as some of the most exciting in his life.

His music career was extensive, from penning the national hit in 1967 "That's Life", to working with the Aztecs.

After a stint in Britain, Lobby returned to Australia and continued to push the boundaries of music, playing with Rose Tattoo before focusing on producing albums.

His work on the first Sunnyboys record is regarded by many in the music industry to be the best debut album by any Australian group.

In 2002, Lobby celebrated his 40th year in music and was inducted into the Australian Blues Foundation Hall of Fame. Last year, he was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame.

Mr Speaker, I am sure all Members will join me in extending condolences to the Loyde family.