



Speech by

# Hon. Mike Reynolds

MEMBER FOR TOWNSVILLE

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## MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: MULLER, MR SJ

**Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, as Speaker of the 52nd Parliament I want to add a few words to this condolence motion. Selwyn Muller was a former Speaker of this parliament for a very crucial period of the parliament's development, as has been indicated by the member for Beaudesert. Mr Muller occupied the Speaker's chair for more than four years and also of course was a member of parliament for over 14 years. The words that have been spoken by the member for Beaudesert today are very accurate with regard to the praise that needs to be given to former Speaker Selwyn Muller for his vision and his fortitude in terms of making sure that the Queensland parliament and the Annexe are what they are today. We are unique in Australia with regard to the services that are provided for members, and indeed we need to thank Mr Muller very much in that regard.

He had a very proud military history, starting his service at the start of World War II and finishing of course at the end of World War II. When I heard mention of the *Queen Mary* this morning, which my father served on as a chef, I wondered whether the late Mr Muller and my father may have been indeed serving together at the same time. Mr Muller had a distinguished service to the parliament and also to the National Party of Queensland. He was a very well-respected member of parliament and also a very well-respected member of many community groups and organisations. As Speaker, I pass on my condolences to Judy and Les, who are with us today, on the very sad loss of your father and father-in-law. I ask honourable members to indicate their agreement to this condolence motion by standing in silence for one minute.