



Speech by

Hon. ANNA BLIGH

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: MR TS HYND



Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Reconstruction) (9.33 am): I move—

1. That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this state by the late Thomas Simpson Hynd, a former member of the Parliament of Queensland.
2. That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the Parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.

Thomas Simpson Hynd, known to those who served with him as Tom, was born in Sydney on 6 July 1930. He was educated in Sydney at the Chatswood primary and Mossman high schools and the Gore Hill Technical College. Following his schooling, Mr Hynd became a master builder and was the owner of TS Hynd Pty Ltd, an electronic door specialist company. In 1985 the Queensland parliament passed legislation to increase the number of seats in this House from 82 to 89. As part of the redistribution that followed, the electorate of Nerang was formed. Mr Hynd, who had become active in the National Party on the Gold Coast, was selected by that party to contest the new seat of Nerang at the state election of 1986.

In a wide open electoral contest involving five candidates, Tom Hynd was elected to the Queensland Legislative Assembly as the inaugural member for Nerang on 1 November 1986. During his time in this parliament Mr Hynd was a member of the then newly established Public Works Committee, so he was an inaugural member for Nerang and an inaugural member of that important committee. He also served as Deputy Government Whip from September to December 1989. Mr Hynd also served on a number of the National Party's government party committees across a very wide range of portfolios. He then went on to recontest the seat of Nerang at the state election of December 1989. However, he was defeated by the Liberal Party's candidate at that election, Mr Ray Connor. Tom Hynd as a member of this parliament gave service to the people of his electorate, the people of the Gold Coast and the people of Queensland.

He passed away peacefully on 20 October 2011 aged 81 years and a funeral service to celebrate and remember his life was held at the Federation Chapel of A Gentle Touch Funerals at Mudgeeraba on 27 October last year. I wish to place on record my government's thanks for the years of service that Tom Hynd gave to the institutions of democracy and to the Queensland community. On behalf of the government, I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy and that of this House to Mr Hynd's family and his friends.