



Speech by


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### MOTION OF CONDOLENCE—STEPHAN, MR LW

 **Mr HOBBS** (Warrego—LNP) (9.55 am): Today, we offer our sincere condolences to Ruth Stephan and her family on the passing of Len. I recognise Gayle and Helen in the gallery today. Len was one of nature's gentlemen. He was a great friend to many people. He served in this parliament for 21 years. He took a great interest in subordinate legislation and was for a time chairman of the Subordinate Legislation Committee. He could get up and talk indefinitely on complicated subordinate legislation. Many of us would find the legislation difficult to follow, but not Len. He would sail into it and give a good 20 minutes on the finer details of that complicated subordinate legislation. I do not ever recall anybody challenging him on the detail. On some occasions, there was a need to keep debate going in the House for various reasons. Len was in his element and he could get up and pull his weight and talk on anything.

**Mr Johnson:** He always did his time.

**Mr HOBBS:** As the member for Gregory said, he always did his time. He was such a lovely man. He was part of a team. He was one of those people who was just a wonderful treasure to have around. Len was a very reliable and respected member of parliament and will be missed by many, including those who served with him in this House.