




Speech By
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CONDOLENCE MOTION

Mr PR Gray

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.46 am): I rise to add my support to this condolence motion. We have already heard from fellow members of the class of 2006—the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition—who, like me and others, came to this parliament with Phil Gray. That was a very eclectic group, and Phil was a colourful politician. He demonstrated that in his time in the parliament between 2006 and 2009 as the member for Gaven. In common with the member for Greenslopes, I pay particular tribute to the roles he served in the community through his union involvement and also through the very broad array of community organisations about which he was passionate and in which he was actively engaged.

Community life was what brought him to political life, and I saw that from a very young age. Mr Gray, as I knew him, was the P&C president of my primary school on the north side of Brisbane. Around the same time he also became the ALP candidate for Aspley in the 1977 election. I do not recall that as well, and neither would he probably want to remember that because of the result, but it attests to Phil's commitment to community life and to education during his whole life. As the Premier mentioned, he did have a commitment to self-education and education for all, and I know that is the thing he would like to be remembered for the most. Like Phil, let us all reflect on the role that we can play to inspire people to be good for communities and good for community causes like education.