



Speech By  
**Ray Stevens**


**MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH**

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**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

**Mulherin, Hon. TS**

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (3.25 pm): In 2006, when I first moved into this parliament, I had a really good friend on the red side, Peter Lawlor. Peter was a great mate of Tim and Kenny Hayward. As the member for Surfers Paradise referred to earlier, they were quite a little trio and had a bit of fun around the parliamentary precinct. They were Statler and Waldorf, Kenny and Peter, up the back. During parliamentary sittings the three of them would, when they could, go for their early morning exercise together. They were the only three people I could pass on my walk in the morning. I think there was quite a bit of storytelling going on while they toddled around the park and streets of Brisbane.

My introduction to Tim was through Peter. He grabs the accolade that I think is the highest one you can aspire to—that is, he was a good bloke. He was an absolutely fantastic guy. He took it up in this House. He was a terrific parliamentarian. He understood the differences you referred to earlier, Mr Speaker, in terms of being a politician and a parliamentarian. He was an absolutely classic bloke. Something all new members should aspire to in their time in this House is to treat the parliament and the other people in the parliament with the respect, friendship and comradeship that Tim displayed.

There might be one little anecdote that you may not be aware of, Mr Speaker. When I was leader of the house in our very short time in government we were looking to put in a regime for payments of parliamentarians. It was done by an outside group. It was a percentage of what the Premier earned. I had a visit from Tim Mulherin because we had to have agreement from both sides to go forward. He said, 'Listen, Ray, this is fine. We will be happy with the makeup of the different parliamentary salaries, but young Curtis has a young family. He is the manager of opposition business and he needs a lift.' I said, 'Fair enough, Tim, that sounds all right to me.' Little did I know that after the next election I would be the beneficiary of his benevolence. He was thinking of young Curtis and his young family. That was the mark of Tim. He was a great bloke and he will be sorely missed and never forgotten by all who knew him. To his family, my deepest condolences. I am sure Tim will be resting in peace.