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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (11.54 am): I rise to express my deepest condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and family. His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was her strength and stay. All of us in this place can only admire the qualities and values of having that loyal person by your side as your support over such a long time. His loyalty and his dedication to service and to the people of the Commonwealth spanned generations. I note the contribution of the member for Pine Rivers. Growing up as a young girl, I always saw the Royal Family in the magazines and saw the amazing work they did across the world. It spanned generations.

We have heard about the Duke of Edinburgh program. Most of us in this room would know constituents who have been through that program, and what a fantastic program it is. Again, it speaks to those values that the Duke of Edinburgh held high—such as developing valuable skills in volunteering, which we see the benefits of in our community; the environment; he was all about adventure and being active; and of course social inclusion. I note that a young Queenslander from Caboolture Special School who went through that program was extraordinarily proud of the experience that program gave to him.

The other thing the Prince was extraordinarily interested in was ingenuity in design. In addition to the Duke of Edinburgh program, he established the Prince Philip Designers Prize which was part of the Australia Council. That was established in 1967 and it was the Prince Philip prize for Australian design. It was introduced by the Industrial Design Council of Australia, which is now known as Good Design Australia. The award sought to promote and recognise excellence in design, creativity and innovation. The prize promoted greater awareness of good design in Australian engineering over many decades and design that was closely linked to Australian life. The prize focused on the standard of manufacture, construction, inventiveness, originality and aesthetic appeal. The reconstruction of our very own Brisbane River ferry terminals was one of the prize winners for its ingenuity in flood resilience.

The Prince led an extraordinary life. He was a true gentleman, a grandfather, a father. He was an amazing man to the Commonwealth. He has left a lasting legacy across the world and across the Commonwealth. I commend this motion to the House.