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**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

**Pegg, Mr D**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (5.13 pm): I rise to speak on this condolence motion and to acknowledge the amazing contribution of Duncan Pegg to the people of Queensland. As a newbie in the class of 2017, I have to say I was slightly excited to hear about this champagne club. I was like, 'What is this all about?' I know that Duncan will be deeply missed by his good friend and my good friend the member for Capalaba. After hearing everybody's stories over the past few hours, I think I can say that he will be deeply missed by everybody in this place.

Duncan was taken way too soon. Cancer is an extraordinarily cruel disease. I have to say that I was extraordinarily grateful to Duncan for the advice he provided about cancer treatment and what the journey might look like for my partner last year. He was very generous in sharing that with me. He led an incredible life in 40 short years—I think more than many get to experience.

He was a fighter and a true champion for his diverse community of Stretton. I recall back in 2019 being asked to represent the sports minister at the Brisbane Super Kings junior cricket presentation awards. I remember being introduced on that day. It was not that I was there representing the minister for sport; I was there representing the member for Stretton, Duncan Pegg, because everybody in that place, cricket lovers everywhere, knew Duncan. That was an absolute honour.

As everybody has said, Duncan was an incredible orator. I loved listening to all his speeches. If I saw his name on the scream list on a Wednesday, I certainly would make sure I was in here to hear him—the brevity in his debates, mixed with his quick wit and a really wicked sense of humour. He sure knew how to rile the other side. I think the member for Nanango alluded to that in her contribution.

I remember Duncan's last speech in this House. He absolutely was, as the Deputy Premier said, still campaigning right up to that point about his desire, as a person with a terminal illness, to fight hard to live every day. He was the ultimate servant of his community right to the very end. He really has set the benchmark for us all.

To Duncan's mum and dad, to his brothers, his family and his friends, my deepest sympathies. He will be sadly missed by everybody.