




Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

### Gamin, Mrs JM

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.34 am): Mr Speaker, I move—

1. That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this state by the late Judith Margaret Gamin, a former member of the parliament of Queensland.
2. That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased lady the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the parliament of Queensland, in the loss that they have sustained.

Judy Gamin, who passed away earlier this month, served in this House from 1992 to 2001. She was born in Broken Hill, New South Wales on 18 July 1930. She was educated at Broken Hill Convent, Loreto Convent in Adelaide and the University of Adelaide. In 1957 she married Paul Gamin and in 1964 they moved to the Gold Coast. As Mrs Gamin told the House in her first speech in 1988—

We cashed in all our assets, put together everything we had and ventured into the unknown. We saw the potential of the Gold Coast and started a business, which we owned and operated successfully for more than 21 years.

Their business was a curtain and material retail store in Nerang Street, Southport.

Mrs Gamin became active in politics on the Gold Coast, and in 1984 she contested the electorate of Moncrieff for the National Party in the federal election of that year. Whilst Mrs Gamin was unsuccessful on that occasion, public office was obviously an interest of both her and her husband. In 1985 Paul Gamin was elected as an alderman on the Gold Coast City Council, representing Burleigh until the year 2000.

In 1988 there was a seismic shift in Queensland politician. That was the year Russ Hinze resigned after 22 years as the member for the Gold Coast electorate of South Coast. The National Party selected Judy Gamin to contest the by-election, which she won on 20 August. It was one of those old-fashioned three-cornered contests. One of the unsuccessful candidates was the future leader of the Liberal Party, Bob Quinn; however, Mr Quinn turned the tables a year later in the state election of December 1989. Two years later a redistribution split South Coast into Nerang and the new electorate of Burleigh. The National Party selected Mrs Gamin to contest this new electorate at the next state election. On 19 September 1992 she returned to this House as the first member for Burleigh. Mrs Gamin served until the state election of February 2001, winning further elections in 1995 and 1998. It meant that during most of this time Mrs Gamin and her husband Paul represented the Burleigh community simultaneously in the Queensland parliament and on the Gold Coast City Council.

The length of service that she and her husband gave to the community is something of which their family can be very proud. I would like to take this moment to acknowledge her family in the gallery today: Caroline Gamin, Glenn Costello, Peter Gamin, Matthew Gamin, Timothy Gamin and Christine McDonald.

During her time in this House Mrs Gamin served in various roles. She was deputy chair of the Select Committee on Travelsafe and chair and deputy chair of the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee. She also served as chair of a budget estimates committee in 1996 and 1997, was a member of the Borbidge government's ministerial legislative committees from 1969 to 1998, and at other times while in opposition served on shadow ministerial legislative committees.

Judith Margaret Gamin passed away on 7 August, aged 92. A funeral mass to celebrate her life was held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Hendra on 19 August.

I place on record the government's thanks for the years of service Mrs Gamin gave to the institutions of our democracy and the Queensland community. On behalf of the government I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy and that of this House to Mrs Gamin's family and friends.