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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Phillips, Dr AF

 **Mr ACTING SPEAKER:** Honourable members, I felt I did not know Dr Anita Phillips and that I had not met her, but after sharing a cup of tea with her family this morning, it seems that perhaps I might have known her, or she would have at least observed me on a number of occasions. I connected with Rebecca this morning and we both graduated from Magnetic Island State School so Anita would have been there in the graduation party and at many other events at that time. In her role at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, she clearly played a significant part in the great care that was provided to my mother.

When reading Dr Phillips's biography, there was something that struck me, and I think it would strike all members of parliament. She only had a short time in this place, but what was very evident from the time she arrived in Townsville and Magnetic Island was that, when she saw something that she thought could be done better or could be improved, she put aside the things that perhaps she wanted to do or would be nice to do and she did the things that she knew needed to be done for her community. She continued to do that, and parliament in effect became a vehicle for her to continue to live those values, and she continued to do that after she left parliament. I think that is a mark of a great person. I want to place on record my condolences to her family. It was very nice to have met them this morning. Will honourable members indicate their agreement with the motion by standing in silence for one minute.