




Speech By
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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Phillips, Dr AF

 **Mr SKELTON** (Nicklin—ALP) (9.48 am): Today I would like to pay my respects and offer my condolences to the family of the late Dr Anita Phillips. My connection is that my parents are constituents of the current member for Thuringowa and would have been constituents of the good doctor. I would like to acknowledge her legacy, which will continue to better the lives of many for generations to come. Anita was committed to lifting standards and lowering barriers for everyone. She led with compassion and authenticity. Anita dedicated her life to public service, was a voice for the voiceless, and has motivated and inspired so many others to do more to better their communities.

We were very lucky to have had Anita's presence and positive influence in our region as a board member of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital where her research and depth of knowledge of the NDIS was invaluable. Her leadership and collaboration on the board fostered numerous positive health outcomes, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, all of which has helped to keep our community safe and healthy. On behalf of everyone on the Sunshine Coast, I would like to express our gratitude for everything that Anita has done for us and for the state and I thank her family for being part of what made Dr Anita Phillips such a well-respected and kind person.