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## **MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

**Flynn, Dr JG**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (9.47 am): It is an absolute privilege to say a few words of condolence for John Flynn and to acknowledge Kelyn Flynn and his family in the gallery here. Kelyn and John were a very strong team right throughout his life. I would like to say a few things. I first knew John when I was a young Labor activist and John was part of the new Goss government team. I can honestly say that John was one of the kindest, most gentle and compassionate people I have met in my life. He applied that throughout his life in terms of his professional career, whether it was medicine or politics. He was always kind and he was always receptive. He always had time for anybody to whom he was talking. He was very inclusive and he practised what he preached.

John made a significant contribution while he was here but he also made a massive contribution in the area of health, and I will give the House a simple example. I knew John in the 1990s and early 2000s when he moved to Algester after having served as the member for Toowoomba North. After a Woodford festival I had a few friends staying, one who was a performer who became ill quite quickly at a time when nothing was open, so I called John. John said, 'Take him down to the surgery and I'll meet you there in 20 minutes.' That is the kind of person he was. He would do anything for anybody, especially if he had the skills. He was just a fantastic man in every sense of the word. This parliament is fortunate to have had his service here. I extend my condolences to Kelyn and to his family. Vale, John Flynn.