




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR CONDAMINE

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

 **Mr SPEAKER:** I will briefly add a couple of comments. I first met Mark McArdle at about the time of that amalgamation. I was involved in the organisational side of one of our previous parties and went on to get to know Mark very well. I endorse all of the comments made by my colleagues. I also note that one former colleague, Matt McEachan, who is a former member for Redlands, is in the gallery for this condolence motion. The office that the member for Southern Downs talked about that Mark held for so long was right next door to me.

Mr Lister: That's right.

Mr SPEAKER: We had many conversations—many serious conversations, many lighthearted conversations—and we got to know each other very well. Those who knew Mark know how meticulous he was, and not just in his appearance. He would look at this desk here in front of me in horror. When you went into Mark McArdle's office, everything was in order—the notepads, the bios, the stapler—and I may have snuck in there once or twice and disrupted that a bit. He would bowl into my office and say, 'You've been in my office!' I would say, 'Why would I be in your office?' and he would say, 'I know it was you.' When I was first elected my son gave me a set of those Newton's balls and they sat on my desk, and they are on my desk in the Speaker's office. Well, they used to trigger Mark McArdle like you wouldn't believe. Different members—and the member for Coomera in particular—would come down to my office and peep around the door to see if McArdle was there, start the balls clanking and scoot off back to their office and leave me to deal with it.

Mark and I stayed in contact after he left this place. A couple of days after I finished the two weeks of estimates I thought, 'That's very strange. I haven't had a text from Mark McArdle,' because I used to get them on a regular basis, but of course his health was failing and he was not well at that time. I had a coffee with his sister, Jennifer, earlier this morning. I express my sympathy to her, to Judy and to all of the McArdle family. He has left a legacy that should not be forgotten and should be honoured for many years to come. I would ask all honourable members to indicate their agreement with the motion by standing in silence with me for one minute.

Whereupon honourable members stood in silence.