

House of Assembly

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CONDOLENCE MOTION: FLYING OFFICER MICHAEL HERBERT

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:01): I also acknowledge the sacrifice that Michael Herbert made for this country, as many thousands of servicemen and women have done over the years. I acknowledge all those servicemen and women who have gone into service for this country, both here and overseas, in past and current wars. I have been very fortunate to say goodbye to my brother on two deployments—one to Rwanda and one to Iraq—and welcome him home twice. It is very hard to imagine the strain on a family such as the Herbert family, for 39 years not knowing exactly why and where their brother and son was. It was fantastic to see yesterday the strength of the family—Shane in his eulogy, Kerry, and also father Jack, who certainly told the doctors he was going to his son's funeral. I have the utmost respect for that. So, Michael, may you rest in peace. You will not be forgotten.