

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Lee

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Thomas Leon on February 17, 2009.

Born in Welland, Ontario in 1925, Mr. Leon was known to many Canadian as an industry leader, helping to guide his family owned business into one of the largest furniture retailers in Canada.

In addition to his various duties at Leon's Furniture, including serving as President, C.E.O. and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Leon always found time to give back to his community. Whether serving as an Alderman in Welland or chairing the foundation board of Scarborough's Centenary Hospital, now the Rouge Valley Health Centre, Mr. Leon gave freely of himself to improve the lives of others.

More recently, Mr. Leon established the Tom Leon Charitable Foundation to provide for the care of the sick and under privileged. Locally, this charity assists students of the Toronto District Catholic School Board and their families who live in poverty or suffer from illness. This same charity also supports annual bursaries to eligible TDCSB students to help cover the cost of post secondary tuition.

Thomas Leon was an industry pioneer, a visionary business leader and a compassionate human being, and he will be missed.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family of Thomas Leon

February 24, 2009