

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Pantalone

Seconded by: Councillor Giambrone

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joaquim Rodrigues Baptista on February 11, 2009.

Mr. Joaquim Rodrigues Baptista was born in 1934 in Libson, Portugal. In 1975, Mr. Baptista emigrated to Canada and became the co-founder and Director of the popular Portuguese newspaper called "The Voice". Mr. Baptista, while performing the tireless, and often thankless work of publishing a weekly newspaper, truly touched the hearts and minds of many people in the Portuguese community and in our City. A true pioneer, Mr. Baptista will be sorely missed in the Portuguese community and by his countless friends, colleagues and family. Mr. Baptista is survived by his wife, Maria Alice Carvalheira Baptista, two daughters and one son, many grand-children and a great-grand child.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Mr. Joaquim Rodrigues Baptista's family.

March 31, 2009