

CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Peter Milczyn

Seconded by: Councillor Vincent Crisanti

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of The Honourable George W. Vari, P.C., C.M., O.L.H., Ph.D., H.LLD peacefully at his home in Toronto on December 9, 2010.

Mr. Vari was a Canadian-based developer and philanthropist. A passionate and proud Toronto resident, he tirelessly promoted our City and Country abroad. Educated as a lawyer, civil engineer and economist, Mr. Vari emigrated to Canada following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. As a developer his legacy leaves the world with the Tour Montparnasse in Paris, six Pavilions and the Theatre for Expo '67, and the Hotel Cosmos in Moscow. Mr. Vari had a strong belief in civic responsibilities, and was committed to philanthropic activity, which both led to his dedication as a patron of Vari Hall at York University, The George W. Vari Engineering and computing Centre at Ryerson University, the Variscope Scholarships at Victoria University at the University of Toronto, and the Vari Laboratory at Princess Margaret Hospital. He also established awards and bursaries at Ryerson University, York University and the University of Waterloo, and received Honorary Doctorates from York and Ryerson Universities.

George Vari was awarded the Order of Canada, the Legion d'Honneur from France and the Knight of Saint Gregory from the Vatican, and was a lifetime member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our deepest sympathies to his wife Helen and to his family and friends.

December 16, 2010