CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Paul Ainslie

Seconded by: Councillor Doug Ford

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of John A. Tory Sr. on April 3, 2011.

John A. Tory Sr. is being remembered as a great Canadian and was known as a kind and generous man who befriended everyone he met. Most importantly, he was a family man who was fortunate to have the love of his family including his wife Liz, children, Jennifer, Jeffrey, John, Michael, as well as 15 grandchildren.

Born and raised in Toronto, John A. Tory Sr. was a true Torontonian. He graduated from law school at the University of Toronto and went on to co-found a law firm with his twin brother.

After successfully guiding the build-up of Torys, John ceased practising law in 1974 and began working full time for the Thomson family, first under founder Roy Thomson and then, following Roy's death in 1976, for his son Kenneth, eventually becoming President of the family's principal holding company, The Woodbridge Company Limited. Until his death he was the President of Thomson Investments Limited. John’s friendships were wide reaching. He was a friend and financial advisor of the late media magnate Kenneth Thomson for fifty years and continued to serve on the Board of the Thomson Corporation. John was a close friend of the late media magnate Ted Rogers, serving on the Board of Directors of Rogers Communications since 1979.

Mr. Tory's contributions were far reaching. He held many posts over the years as he helped steer Canada's largest companies into successful enterprises bringing a lot of prosperity to the City. Mr. Tory's volunteer spirit can be seen throughout the City as he and his wife Liz Tory spent many hours on charity boards and donating to many causes quietly, enforcing his beliefs.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to John's wife Liz Tory and all her family on their loss.

April 13, 2011