

## **CONDOLENCE MOTION**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Layton**

**Seconded by: Councillor Pam McConnell**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Tony Silipo on March 10, 2012.

Tony, a lawyer, dedicated his life to public service from a very early age. In 1978, at the age of only 21 he began serving as a Public School Trustee and later as Chair of the Toronto Board of Education. He served as a trustee from 1978 – 1990.

Tony served as an energetic and courageous MPP for the riding of Dovercourt for almost a decade. He served as Minister of Education from 1991-1993, Minister of Community and Social Services from 1993 to 1995 and Deputy Leader under Howard Hampton. More recently he worked as Vice-Chair at the Workplace Safety and Appeals Tribunal and as President of the Federazione dei Calabresi.

Tony embarked on his political career to ensure that all children, especially those from immigrant families, have equal opportunities to reach their academic potential. He fought against the streaming of students of immigrant families into the trades.

In his time as Minister of Community and Social Services he sought to protect those who were most vulnerable during the economic crisis in the 1990s. He protected social welfare programs.

Tony will be missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Anne Marie Miraglia and his son Adrian, in addition to many close friends and family. His legacy will continue through a scholarship established in his name at the Toronto District School Board.

The City Clerk is requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Tony Silipo's family.

March 21, 2012