



## CONDOLENCE MOTION

**Moved by: Councillor Raymond Cho**

**Seconded by: Mayor John Tory**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Byungwon Ahn.

Born in South Korea on August 5, 1926, Byungwon Ahn was working as a composer, tenor and conductor. He has been a role model to many. He dedicated and devoted his life towards reunification of North and South Korea.

A year after the Korean War, he organized a children's choir and travelled to USA to thank the American public for their support of Koreans during the Korean War.

Byungwon was more than a talented musician, he contributed his musical talents as well as donated financially to improve the impoverished lives of the North Korean children.

The song "Our Wishes" was composed by Byungwon. It is the anthem sung by both North and South Koreans wishing for reunification.

In 1974, he immigrated to Toronto. In Toronto too, he organized a Children's choir at the YMCA. He had dedicated his life to building communities with the music he composed and played.

On April 5, 2015, Byungwon left behind his wife Monica, son Ernie, Robert and daughter Vivian.

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

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