CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by:  Councillor Paula Fletcher

Seconded by:  Councillor Pam McConnell

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Archie Alleyne on June 8, 2015.

In a city with a rich history of splendid jazz musicians Archie Alleyne stood out as a self-taught jazz drummer whose talent carried him through the decades. He played with Lester Young and Billie Holiday and broke through racial discrimination in the 1940's when he played "whites only bars" along Yonge Street.

Mr. Alleyne was an activist in support of making funding from the Canada Council for the Arts available to jazz musicians. He also worked to promote musical opportunities for young, African-Canadian music students through the Evolution of Jazz Ensemble.

In celebration of Mr. Alleyne's 70th birthday the Archie Alleyne Scholarship Fund was launched to provide further opportunities for young musicians to develop their talent.

As well as being a renowned jazz musician, Archie Alleyne was successful with his business venture in partnership with Howard Matthews, Dave Mann and John Henry Jackson to open the Underground Railroad Soul Food Restaurant.

Mr. Alleyne's many achievements were recognized in 2011 when he was awarded the Order of Canada.

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

July 7, 2015