



CONDOLENCE MOTION

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of The Honourable Michael Wilson on February 10, 2019.

The Honourable Michael Wilson was born in 1937 in Toronto. He attended Upper Canada College and received his Bachelors of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto, an institution that he would later serve as Chancellor.

In all aspects of Michael's life and career, he worked to make life better for the people of Canada and the people of the City he represented. The Honourable Michael Wilson was first elected to Parliament in 1979, serving Etobicoke Centre, and was appointed Finance Minister in 1984 by the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney. Michael was a key figure in negotiating the landmark North American Free Trade Agreement, through that process, and later as Canadian ambassador to the United States, he worked hard to build close relations between the two countries.

Following his career in public life, Michael worked passionately to raise awareness of mental health issues in public and private spheres, and reduce the stigma associated with mental health. His commitment to this area of research included establishing the Cameron Parker Holcombe Wilson Chair in Depression Studies at the University of Toronto, named in honour of his late son. Michael also served as the Chair of the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

Michael's compassion, intelligence, and decency are an example of what it means to be a good Canadian, and a good Torontonians. He will be deeply missed.

Michael is survived by his wife, Margie, son Geoff Wilson, daughter Lara O'Brien and grandchildren Patrick, Thomas, Ciara, Kalin, and Eamon.

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

February 26, 2019