Expression of Condolence for Anastasios (Tom) Michalopoulos by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Councillor Michael Thompson

Seconded by: Mayor John Tory

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Anastasios (Tom) Michalopoulos on April 20, 2021 at the age of 71.

Tom started from humble beginnings in a little village in the Pella region of Greece. In 1973 he immigrated to Toronto and became a tailor. His ambition and love of people soon enabled him to excel in sales, paving the way for him to pursue his passion for real estate. Tom not only became a successful agent, he was also able to accumulate real estate of his own.

In 1982 Tom branched out and founded Coffee Time Donuts Inc. and eventually changed the company name to Chairman's Brands, a company that operates restaurant brands including 241 Pizza, Robin's Donuts, New Orleans Pizza and Eggsmart, among others.

A trail blazer in business, Tom also improved the lives of many through his generous philanthropy. Over the years, his organization raised millions of dollars for the Scarborough General Hospital, The Princess Margaret Foundation (Marie Thompson Fund), Friends of We Care, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Elpida Autism Foundation and the Hellenic Home for the Aged, to name a few.

Tom exuded love for everyone and was loved by many in return. His mission was to enjoy life and ensure the people around him were having a good time. Tom excelled at this, as he did in his career.

The City Clerk is requested to convey on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, to Tom's wife Tina, their four children and five grandchildren, our utmost gratitude for his contributions to the city and our deepest sympathy on his passing.