Expression of Condolence for W. Galen Weston by Toronto City Council

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of W. Galen Weston on April 13, 2021 at the age of 80.

Most of all Galen Weston will be remembered for his good citizenship and generosity. He cared deeply about many aspects of our cherished quality of life in this City and this reflected itself in his lifelong commitment to philanthropy through the Weston Family Foundation, the Weston Brain Institute and other cultural, health care, educational and environmental causes and organizations.

Galen Weston will also be remembered for his work as a retail visionary and as a leader in the business community. Through his leadership, the Weston name became a retail giant in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. As Chair of his family's 139 year old business, his leadership and entrepreneurial spirit helped guide it to great success and that in turn meant employment and a better quality of life for thousands of Torontonians.

Galen Weston will be remembered as a loving and supportive husband, who was frequently by his wife's side as she carried out her duties as Ontario's 26th Lieutenant Governor. He was also a loving father to son Galen and daughter Alannah who are following in their father's footsteps.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Galen Weston's wife, the Hon. Hilary M. Weston, daughter Alannah, son Galen Jr. and their families, as well as the many friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.