MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Chancellor Emeritus
University of Toronto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Faculty of Arts & Science deeply regrets the passing of our Chancellor Emeritus, the Honourable Michael Wilson, on February 10th, 2019.

Michael Holcombe Wilson was a dedicated leader and steadfast supporter of the University of Toronto. He graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1959 and remained involved as a volunteer and supporter in the following decades. Michael Wilson was the 11th Chancellor of Trinity College before being elected for two terms as Chancellor of the University of Toronto (2012-2018). During his service as Chancellor, he presided over the convocation ceremonies of thousands of U of T graduates and represented the University with distinction at many different events in Canada and abroad.

Following a distinguished career in investment banking, Michael Wilson entered public life as the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke Centre. In the Progressive Conservative cabinets of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, he served as Minister of International Trade, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister of Finance. After stepping down from politics, he was Canada’s Ambassador to the United States (2006 – 2009).

Perhaps Michael Wilson’s greatest legacy is his advocacy for mental health issues, bringing this conversation to the fore and supporting the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He also established the Cameron Parker Holcombe Wilson Chair in Depression Studies at the University of Toronto as a memorial to honour his late son.

Michael Wilson’s generosity and compassion will be greatly missed by the University community and we count ourselves privileged to have known and worked with him.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be inscribed in the Minutes and a copy sent to the Wilson family with the Council’s sympathy.