

Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

RESOLUTION 2012-31

**RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RONALD J. WYLIE
AND OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

- WHEREAS, Ronald J. Wylie, JD died suddenly and unexpectedly, May 15 at Howard County Hospital, leaving Junamae, his wife of four years, his son Rodney, and his mother.
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wylie was an active and caring community member who ran for Mayor in 1980, while a resident of Takoma Park, and continued to serve on city committees after moving outside the city.
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wylie was the outstanding leader of Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACS), successfully resolving deep debts he found when assuming the position, and steering the organization with determination, establishing new programs to assist the most vulnerable residents of Takoma Park and the nearby communities.
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wylie's empathy for our most vulnerable neighbors motivated him to continue the free food and free clothing programs at ACS, and to add new imaginative programs, such offering free food for Thanksgiving dinners to 1,000 families, and free poinsettias for seniors for the holidays.
- WHEREAS, Recognizing the multiplying power of partnerships, Mr. Wylie constantly sought to collaborate with other organizations and agencies to fill community needs.
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wylie's enthusiasm for the community and his "can do" attitude, encouraged people to find solutions that resulted in many successes, such as the reopening of the Piney Branch Pool for the community.
- WHEREAS, When Mr. Wylie found that ACS resources were insufficient to meet community needs, he reached out to his vast network of friends and business colleagues soliciting money to fill the need. Mr. Wylie also often reached into his own pockets to pay for a motel room for emergency housing for a homeless person, or to buy a meal for a hungry family.
- WHEREAS, Mr. Wylie was a visionary whose dream to open a thrift store and his pet project of a free dental van remain to be fulfilled by those he left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND expresses sadness at the loss of Ronald J. Wylie, who contributed so much to the Takoma Park community, and hereby offers its deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Adopted this 29th day of May, 2012.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk