Today, we mourn the loss of Mr. Chris P. Tomaras, an exceptional individual, civic leader, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, whose life was marked by public service, and a deep commitment to his Greek heritage and culture.

We also pay tribute to him for his achievements and his contributions to so many important causes, both in Chicagoland and across the nation.

True to the values of his Greek heritage, Mr. Tomaras was a great believer in the power of education to help young people grow to their fullest potential, and be able to make meaningful contributions to society. As Founder and Chairman of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, Mr. Tomaras’s legacy will live on through the success and future contributions of more than 300 recipients who have received scholarships totaling over $2 million.

He was an early member and supporter of the National Hellenic Museum, believing in our mission and donating generously to the leadership fund, helping to make the museum, as it is today, a reality. Most recently, we are grateful for his sponsorship of our latest exhibition, *Transcending Boundaries: The Art of Anthony Quinn*.

All of us at the National Hellenic Museum will miss his kind and generous manner and we thank him for recognizing the significance of a national home for our shared Greek story in America.

*Godspeed, Mr. Tomaras,*
*Your legacy will live on through your good works and deeds!*