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President Murphy: Tom Nardelli ‘tireless advocate’ for constituents, city

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On the sudden passing of my former colleague, Tom Nardelli, I send my deepest sympathy to his wife, Marcia, to Tom’s three children, and to all of his family and friends. Tom was a tremendously devoted husband and father.

Tom was very proud of his Italian heritage, and he was a strong and devoted Catholic whose faith was very much an important part of his life. Above all else, during his public service he was a tireless advocate for his constituents and for the City of Milwaukee.

Tom served on the Common Council from 1986 to 2004 with a fiscally-conservative approach that he was proud of, and he was welcoming of the nickname “No-delli” because he was truly dedicated to protecting (and being stingy with) taxpayer dollars and city resources.

Those who knew Tom know about his love of politics and his personal dedication to his work as an elected official. Tom was in early and on time – something that he was used to as a longtime member and officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. When he chaired the Finance and Personnel Committee, you’d dare not show up to the meeting late or unprepared, as Tom would make sure members were held accountable.

Tom will be sorely missed by his family, his friends, and his many former colleagues.

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