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Eulogy for Jack Layton

The Ontario Humanist Society learned with regret of the death this morning of Jack Layton, leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada. Our members may be of various political stripes, but regardless of our political stance, we could not deny his unparalleled ethical standards in political and social spheres, and his genuine concern for the best interests of the Canadian people. He will certainly be remembered for his remarkable adherence to his principles no matter where he and his party stood in the polls.

In Jack's own words:

"There will be those who will try to persuade you to give up our cause. But that cause is much bigger than any one leader. Answer them by recommitting with energy and determination to our work. Remember our proud history of social justice, universal health care, public pensions and making sure no one is left behind. Let's continue to move forward." ~ Jack Layton

"Hope and optimism should be at the heart of politics. We can look after each other better than we do today." ~ Jack Layton

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