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MPP Johnson pays tribute to Cecil Insley

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TORONTO — MPP Paul Johnson paid homage in the Ontario legislature Monday to well-known Wellington resident Cecil Insley.

Insley, 64, who died suddenly on Saturday while out on his charter boat, was a "volunteer extraordinaire," the Prince Edward-Lennox-South Hastings MPP told his colleagues.

Johnson, unable to attend Insley's funeral today, said it was clear to see why Insley was a recipient of the Canada 125 medal last year.

"He received that medal because of his extreme sense of community and the voluntarism he showed for his community," Johnson said

"I want to offer my sincere condolences to his wife, Fran, his family and friends," he said.

Insley worked for many years as a commercial fisherman before starting a boat charter business.

He was a Wellington councillor from 1970 to 1972, a volunteer fireman for eight years and Wellington fire chief from 1977 to 1979.

He was also active with the local Royal Canadian Legion, he formed a new senior citizens' group in Wellington, and was active with the local boaters' association.

He is to be buried today (Tuesday) at Wellington United Church at 2 p.m.