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# FONDAZIONE GIOVANNI GORIA

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## History

*"On the tenth anniversary of his untimely death, I still hold into the memory of a determined, yet shy and reserved young man. The things that I personally appreciated about him on many occasions were his marked practicality, his ability to get to the heart of problems and the ability to explain clearly even the most complex issues. These qualities, combined with a passion for politics inspired by strong and tenacious ideals, earned him his well-deserved authority".*

**President of the Republic, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi**, sent this message to the House Speaker Pier Ferdinando Casini, on the tenth anniversary of Giovanni Goria's death.

*"Reflecting today on the life of Giovanni Goria means fulfilling a debt of gratitude that is yet to be fully honored: ten years after his death, we still have work to do in creating a fitting tribute to a man of politics and institutions who worked to make Italy better, and chose to do so out of the spotlight and far away from the media spotlight. "*

This is one of the most significant passages of the **Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies Pier Ferdinando Casini's** speech, on the occasion of the commemoration of Giovanni Goria that took place at Montecitorio on the tenth anniversary of his death.

"His work" - added Casini - "tells the story one of the most dramatic and controversial periods in the history of the Italian Republic, in which the nation underwent many traumatic changes."

After underlining the important political experiences, the government posts and character traits that distinguished Giovanni Goria: a man with a "capacity for discussion and listening" that led him to "feel strongly the need for a renewal in the leadership of our country", the President of the Chamber recalled "the bitter sadness with which he regarded the legal proceedings against him."

Although these investigations concluded that Goria was in no way involved in the allegations, this was nonetheless undoubtedly a difficult experience for "a man who chose to dedicate his life to the service of citizens and democratic institutions."