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R E L E A S E

MLA for Iqaluit West introduces Private Member's Bill to establish the Order of Nunavut

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 1, 2009) - Iqaluit West MLA Paul Okalik today introduced Bill 11, *The Order of Nunavut Act*. This is the first Private Member's Bill to have been introduced in the Legislative Assembly since the creation of the territory in 1999.

"I am pleased to have had the opportunity to propose legislation that seeks to acknowledge the accomplishments of distinguished Nunavummiut and which recognizes their contributions to our territory," said Mr. Okalik.

All Canadian provinces have established provincial orders that have a place in the Canadian Order of Precedence of Orders, Decorations and Medals.

"Establishing our own territorial Order is part of our evolution as a jurisdiction and I am delighted to have seconded my colleague's motion for first reading of Bill 11," said Ron Elliott, MLA for Quttiktuq.

Copies of Bill 11 are available on the Legislative Assembly's website at: www.assembly.nu.ca.

Information concerning Canadian national and provincial orders is available at: http://www.gg.ca/.

"I look forward to the unanimous support of the House in its consideration of my bill," said Mr. Okalik.

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