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Northwest Territories and Nunavut Speakers Mourn the Passing of Former MLA Ludy Pudluk

YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories and IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 2, 2019) - Speakers Jackson Lafferty and Simeon Mikkungwak today mourn the passing of former MLA Ludy Pudluk, who passed away on Monday following a long illness.

Ludy Pudluk served as a Member of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly from 1975 to 1995. During his tenure in public office, Mr. Pudluk represented the communities of the High Arctic and was instrumental in the movement that led to the creation of Nunavut.

Mr. Pudluk, who was originally from the Pond Inlet area, spent most of his life in Resolute Bay after being relocated there in the 1950s. Following his 20-year career as an MLA, Mr. Pudluk served as Mayor of Resolute Bay and was part of a number of local organizations. He was inducted into the Order of Nunavut in 2018.

Speaker Lafferty said, “On behalf of Members of this Assembly, it is with great sadness that we offer our condolences to the friends, family and loved ones of Ludy Pudluk. Mr. Pudluk was a dedicated spokesperson for the North, was a strong climate change activist, and made significant contributions to the creation of Nunavut.”

Speaker Mikkungwak said, “Ludy Pudluk received the Order of Nunavut last year in recognition of his lifetime of public service. My colleagues and I join his family, friends and former constituents in mourning his passing.”

Flags will be lowered to half-mast at the Legislative Assembly building in Yellowknife on the day of Mr. Pudluk’s memorial service.

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