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Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of former delegate Tommy M. Tsosie

WINDOW ROCK – The Navajo Nation Council extends condolences to the family of former council delegate and former LeChee Chapter president, Tommy M. Tsosie, who passed away on May 31 at the age of 74 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In a letter addressed to the family, Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland) thanked the family and offered the Council's thoughts and prayers.

"Mr. Tsosie was known to many to be a very respectful, intelligent, and hard working person who devoted many years of service to the community of LeChee and our entire Nation. His contributions and leadership improved the lives of many, as a member of the Navajo Nation Council and as the Vice President and President of the LeChee Chapter," stated Speaker Bates.

Tsosie served two terms as a member of the Navajo Nation Council, representing the community of LeChee – located south of the city of Page, Arizona. He also served as the vice president and president of the LeChee Chapter.

He was originally from Kaibeto, Arizona, and served four years of active duty in the United States Navy, and an additional two years as an active reserve. He also worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 30 years.

During Thursday's Naabik'íyáti' Committee meeting, Council Delegate Leonard Tsosie (Baca/Prewitt, Casamero Lake, Counselor, Littlewater, Ojo Encino, Pueblo Pintado, Torreon, Whitehorse Lake) recalled sitting next to Tommy M. Tsosie on the floor of the Council Chamber as members of the Council, and described him as a humble, considerate, and dedicated family man.

"He would travel a long way from LeChee to attend our meetings. He made sure to attend our meetings and he always represented his people – I applaud him for that," Delegate Tsosie said.

Tsosie had 17 brothers and sisters and is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rose Anna Tsosie, three children, 11 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Page Elks Lodge in Page, Arizona at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 2017. He will be laid to rest at the Tsosie Ranch in their family plot.

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