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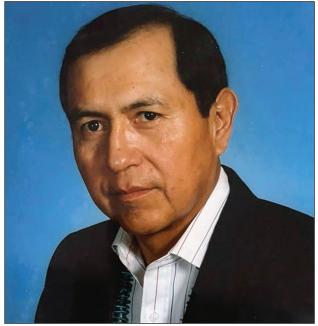
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## 25th Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of former Council Delegate Benjamin A. Begay

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The 25th Navajo Nation Council is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Council Delegate Benjamin A. Begay (Tselani/ Cottonwood/ Nazlini), who served from 1991 to 1995.

"The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends heartfelt condolences to the family of former Council Delegate Benjamin A. Begay. His unwavering commitment to the Navajo Nation and his advocacy for economic development, including the Tseyi' Shopping Center Inc. and numerous small businesses, had a lasting impact on the communities he served," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

Beyond his service as a Council Delegate, Begay held various leadership roles, including Benjamin A. Begay



serving as a member of the Nazlini School

Board, working with the Navajo Nation Regional Business Development Office, coordinating efforts with the Houck Chapter, and contributing to the Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboy Association.

In his retirement, Begay became a cattle and sheep rancher, managing properties in the Fluted Rock/Sawmill area and northwest of Nazlini. He is survived by a large extended family.

"We are grateful to former Council Delegate Begay and his family for sharing his time, expertise, and dedication with the Navajo Nation," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. "His business acumen has greatly benefited the Navajo Nation."

Funeral services for Benjamin A. Begay will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10 a.m. (MDT) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Saint Michaels. A reception will follow at the family residence at Beeak'id Hatsó, northeast of the Nazlini Chapter Mesa Top on Highway 191 at Milepost 435.