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Levi Nowdlak – Wise Woman of the Year

Mr. Speaker,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the recipient of this year's Wise Woman Award, a yearly award handed out by the Qullit Status of Women Council to honour a woman who has made a positive change in her community.

On March 8, the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council celebrated International Women's Day. This day is marked internationally as a celebration of the achievements of women, and of the progress towards equality.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions women in Nunavut have made to the north's social, political, economic and cultural environment. There are countless women in Nunavut who have dedicated themselves to making positive change in their communities. Women in Nunavut have worked on issues such as family violence, political representation,

child care, education, the preservation of traditional knowledge and in general, the health and wellness of our communities.

This year's recipient of the Wise Woman Award was Levi Nowdlak, a young woman from Iqaluit who spoke out about abuse, in order to help other young women like her break the cycle of violence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Members to join me in recognizing Ms. Nowdlak and congratulating her on winning this award. I am confident that she will continue to be a strong and positive role model for other young women in Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.