



## Minister's Statement

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**The Honourable Eva Aariak  
Premier**

### *Honouring Thomasie Alikatuktuk*

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Thomasie Alikatuktuk, who was president of Qikiqtani Inuit Association until he recently stepped down due to illness, passed away on November 24.

Mr. Speaker, Thomasie contributed much to our territory. An active community member, Thomasie sat on boards including the Hamlet Council, Pangnirtung Recreation Committee, the Youth Council, Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and the Kakivak Association. He was also a Community Director representing Pangnirtung with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

Thomasie was elected President for the Qikiqtani Inuit Association in the 2002, 2005, and 2008 presidential elections.

Mr. Speaker, something that people may not know about Thomasie is that he started the fish plant in Pangnirtung with a staff of four; today,

there are 55 employees and about 100 fishermen. I'm sure this number will only increase in the future.

My deepest sympathy goes out to Thomasie's family during this difficult time. Mr, Speaker, Thomasie has left Nunavummiut a great legacy and his memory will live on.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker