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The Kativik Regional Government pays tribute to Ellashuk Pauyungie

Kuujuuaq, Québec, December 11, 2014 — The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) paid tribute today to the life, work and achievements of Ellashuk Pauyungie who passed away during the night of December 7, 2014. A beloved and inspiring person, Ellashuk is remembered by all as a role model who touched many lives, in her community and in the region. “Ellashuk, with a distinct voice, was a strong Inuk woman; everyone who knew her respected her. She was a humble, humorous, wise individual. Being able to adapt to the ever changing world we live in, she contributed in making Nunavimmiut understand the challenges we face in our lives. Ellashuk will forever be missed, declared Maggie Emudluk, Chairperson of the KRG.”

Ellashuk inspired young and old, be it in her work with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), as a member of the Nunavik’s Elder’s Committee, as President of Initsiak Women Center, or in her involvement with the social services sector, for which she was awarded a Governor General Medal. As Bobby Snowball, president of the Nunavik Elder’s Committee mentioned: “Ellashuk was always concerned about Nunavik’s population especially youth. She wanted everyone to be treated equally and participate in the many challenges facing the region. “

“We feel thankful for her legacy and truly enriched by her presence. Ellashuk is a great loss for us all, but we pray that we will be given strength to continue her work. Condolences and prayers to her family and people close to her, concluded Eli Aullaluk, member of the KRG executive committee and KRG councillor representing Akulivik.”

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The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

The Nunavik Elders Committee was created in 2006 by the KRG. The mandate of the committee is to represent Nunavik Elders and act as Nunavik's interlocutor on Elder's issues.