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Speaker Curley offers condolences to Congresswoman Peltola following the loss of her husband

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, Speaker Crystalyne Curley offered her condolences to U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-AK) and her family following the sudden loss of her husband, Eugene Peltola, who passed away in a plane accident in Alaska on Wednesday.

"We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Congresswoman Peltola's beloved husband. The Navajo Nation Council offers our condolences and prayers to her and the family. We pray that they can find comfort in knowing that their loved one is now with our Creator. She has been a tremendous advocate on many issues for tribes including the Navajo Nation," said Speaker Curley.

In Sept. 2022, Rep. Peltola won a special election and became the first Alaska Native to serve in Congress and the first female representative elected by her district. She was born in Alaska and raised on the Kuskokwim River in Kwethluk, Tuntutuliak, Platinum, and Bethel.

Council Delegate Seth Damon (Bááháá'í, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichí'í, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) expressed his condolences and added that Rep. Peltola continues to be a strong advocate for the Navajo Nation's positions on tribal gaming, water rights, Chaco Canyon and others.

"We pray for strength and blessings for Rep. Peltola. Together, she and her husband have helped many tribal communities over the years. We are very grateful for their contributions and we give thanks for the life of her husband, Eugene," stated Delegate Damon.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and Speaker Curley issued a condolence letter on Wednesday, to the family of Rep. Peltola.

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