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## Retired Coconino County Supervisor Louise Yellowman honored by Navajo Nation Council

*Lifetime educator, public servant provides  
31 years of service to county*

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan and the 21<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Council honored retired Coconino County Supervisor Louise Yellowman during its 2009 spring session at the Navajo Nation Council chamber.

Yellowman, an educator and public servant, provided 31 years of service to Coconino County — 27 of those 31 years as county supervisor.

Speaker Morgan, along with Council Delegates Bobby Robbins Sr., Harry Williams Sr. and Raymond Maxx (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi) presented a plaque congratulating and commemorating her years of service.

Yellowman is an alumnus of Northern Arizona University, where she earned her master's degree in education. She was elected county supervisor in 1981.

Speaker Morgan praised her for serving county constituents for 27 years and said she is a strong leader that endured many obstacles, challenges and achievements during her long career. Her major accomplishments include helping to establish a Diné College extension center in Tuba City, Ariz., she spearheaded efforts to build schools in Cameron and Gap, Ariz., she pushed the completion of the Tuba City community park and library, and helped to establish the Navajo Hopi Observer newspaper.

Prior to her career as a county supervisor, Yellowman was an educator with the head start program, where she helped to implement a K-4 bilingual Navajo program that is still existent in school curriculums around the Navajo Nation.



Retired Coconino County Supervisor Louise Yellowman was honored for 27 years of public service by the Navajo Nation Council during its 2009 spring session. Pictured left to right is Council Delegates Harry Williams Sr., Bobby Robbins Sr., Raymond Maxx and Louise Yellowman. (Photos by Joshua Lavar Butler)



Her commitment and dedication made her the longest-serving county supervisor in the state of Arizona.

In 2008, she did not seek re-election for her District 5 seat that spans from Gray Mountain, Ariz. to the southern Utah border. She had a positive impact on many within her district and although many were saddened to see her retire, she says she made the right decision to spend time with her family.

"I had many good years with the county," she said to members of the Navajo Council, friends, family and well wishers. "I have confidence that my predecessor Lena Fowler of Tuba City will continue the work that has already been accomplished and she will continue to add to that and improve it."

In her acceptance speech, she took the opportunity to thank the Council for their work to improve lives of the Navajo people and to advocate for education.

"I challenge the leaders of the Navajo Nation to place educational issues on the fore front of your priorities," she added. "Our children are important and they are the future of the Navajo Nation, invest in their education."

Yellowman is originally from Lupton, Ariz., south of Gallup, N.M. and said she looks forward to spending her retirement days at home in Tuba City with her husband Frank, her family and especially her grand children.

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