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Navajo Nation Council offers condolences to the family of former U.S. Senator Pete Domenici

WINDOW ROCK – Members of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council offer their heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of former U.S. Senator Pete Domenici, who passed away on Wednesday at the age of 85. He served six terms as a member of the U.S. Senate from the state of New Mexico from 1973-2009.

"On behalf of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of the Honorable Pete Domenici, who was known as a selfless person who helped many people within the state of New Mexico and our country in many ways. We will honor and remember his tremendous service and advocacy for the Navajo people as a U.S. Senator," stated Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

At the start of the second day of the Navajo Nation Council's comprehensive budget session on Wednesday, Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) recalled Senator Domenici's efforts to help the Navajo Nation during his 36-years of service in the U.S. Senate, as he provided the opening prayer for the session.

"We are grateful for his life and service and we ask the Creator for blessings and comfort upon his wife, children, and all of his loved ones," stated Delegate Yazzie.

Senator Domenici was a member of the Republican Party and previously served as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Among his many accomplishments, he was recognized for his efforts and success in promoting fiscal accountability, energy development, economic development, and for his strong support of the country's military.

On Wednesday, Speaker Bates also sent a condolence letter to the family of Senator Domenici, offering condolences and support on behalf of the Navajo Nation Council.

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