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President Nez and Vice President Lizer offer condolences to the family of former Arizona Governor Jane Dee Hull

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer offer their condolences to the family of former Arizona Gov. Jane Dee Hull, who died on Thursday from natural causes at the age of 84.

Gov. Jane Dee Hull was the first woman in the state of Arizona to serve as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Secretary of State, and first elected woman governor who is credited with initiating major changes in state government, education, and health care for over 25 years. Hull died hours after the death of her husband, Dr. Terry Hull, of 66 years.

"At this difficult time, my prayers and condolences are with the family of Gov. Jane Dee Hull and Dr. Hull. During their early careers, they both had the opportunity to work on the Navajo Nation in the 1960s to serve the Navajo people. Dr. Hull was a doctor for Indian Health Service, and Gov. Hull was a teacher in Chinle. Through her bold and exemplary state leadership, she made positive changes for the state and the Navajo Nation," said President Nez.

Gov. Hull’s legacy includes advocating for children's health by establishing KidsCare, Arizona's Children's Health Insurance Program. Hull was a champion for education by leading Proposition 301, which over time, resulted in increased funding for education, including the Technology Research Initiative Fund. She also launched TGen, a first-of-its-kind genomics research institute in Arizona.

"As a wife, mother, grandmother, teachers, legislator, and natural leader, Gov. Hull made an impressive impact in the state of Arizona. Her strength, compassion, and dedication to helping people will be remembered and honored. In honor of her legacy, we offer our prayers and thoughts with the family, loved ones, and colleagues," said Vice President Lizer.

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