

Farewell to June

We have lost an inspired leader with the passing of June Nelson of Kotzebue. An Inupiat educator, activist, civic leader and businesswoman, Nelson was widely regarded throughout the state for numerous accomplishments.

She may be best known for her role as an advocate of quality education. In the service of this goal, she held many positions, from local, regional and state school boards, to chair of the Alaska Native Language Commission. She was also a member of the National Indian Education Association.

She will be missed by all of us, and we extend heartfelt sympathy to her family.