

NIH Honors Petite, Heroic Ella Kinegak

The courageous little Eskimo woman, Mrs. Ella Kinegak of Bethel, was honored last week in Washington, D.C., by the National Institute of Health for her heroic rescue of a small boy from drowning on the Kuskokwim River last year.

Ella had received previous recognition and honor from the State of Alaska but the glitter and importance of the NIH award brought her all the way to the nation's capitol.

A modest little woman, Mrs. Kinegak has earned the respect of all Alaskans for her courage and bravery in rescuing the little boy who was drowning in the raging Kuskokwim River.