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Ministerial statement - Economic development minister to attend senator's funeral

WHITEHORSE - Premier Dennis Fentie said today that Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon will represent Yukon at the funeral of former Alaska Senator Ted Stevens in Anchorage tomorrow.

"On behalf of the people and Government of Yukon, I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Ted Stevens, who devoted his life to public service," Fentie said. "His many legacies will long be remembered by the people of Alaska and beyond."

Stevens supported the Shakwak Project and played a key role in the improvement of this important international transportation corridor connecting Yukon, BC and Alaska. He was also a World War II aviator and the US Senate's longest-serving Republican.

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