Navajo Nation Council holds moment of silence for US Army veteran and local leader Allen Todacheenie

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PHOTO: US Army veteran and local leader Allen Todacheenie.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Hon. Thomas Walker, Jr. (Cameron, Coalmine, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsídii To'í) recognized the life and service of Mr. Allen Todacheenie of Tolani Lake. In honor of Todacheenie's service, Speaker Seth Damon called the Navajo Nation Council into a moment of silence during today's special session.

Todacheenie enlisted into the United States Army at 22 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged as a US Army PVT and returned home to the Navajo Tribe.

Walker also noted Todacheenie helped in cofounding the American Legion Post 112 of Leupp upon his return.

Todacheenie's service to his communities included his elected roles as a Leupp Chapter grazing official and Leupp Boarding School board member.

A father of four, Todacheenie married Loretta and was a beloved grandfather, great-grandfather and community leader.

"We honor the late Allen Todacheenie of Leupp, a former grazing official and school board member, Vietnam veteran, elder and statesman, as well as a loving husband, father, uncle and grandfather," said Walker.

Members of the Navajo Nation Council also recognized the participants of the Navajo Nation Vietnam Veterans Memorial walk underway along New Mexico State Highway 371 during at the beginning of the session.

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