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## **NDOT MOURNS THE PASSING OF SENATOR JOHN PINTO**

Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) Executive Director Garret Silversmith was saddened to learn of the passing of Senator John Pinto, D-McKinley, on Friday, May 24.

Silversmith said the senator was a champion of bringing infrastructure to the Navajo Nation and that he admired his tenacity within the political arena.

“Pinto advocated on behalf of many critical infrastructure projects that brought power, water and roads to Native American communities within his district,” Silversmith said.

Since 1977, Sen. Pinto had represented New Mexico’s 3rd District, which includes much of the Navajo Nation’s New Mexico region and western portions of both San Juan and McKinley Counties. The senator was both a Marine and a Navajo Code Talker.

On behalf of NDOT, Silversmith extends his condolences to the senator’s family during this time of sorrow.

“Senator Pinto leaves behind a great legacy of serving all the people he represented,” Silversmith said “At this time, let’s remember the positive changes that he had brought to the Navajo Nation.”

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