



News Release

Justice Minister Jack Anawak presents Iqaluit elder with lifetime achievement award

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 11, 2000) – Justice Minister Jack Anawak today presented Iqaluit elder Harry Qaumariaq with the Corrections Exemplary Service Medal.

The Medal, the first to be presented to a resident of Nunavut, recognizes employees of the Canadian correctional service. Mr. Qaumariaq was honored for his 22 years of service with the Baffin Correctional Centre in Iqaluit.

"It is very gratifying to be able to recognize the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by Mr. Harry Qaumariaq," Minister Anawak said. "It makes me proud to be Nunavummiut."

Mr. Qaumariaq worked at the Baffin Correctional Centre as a Corrections Officer from 1977 until his retirement on July 21, 1999. During that time he used his skills of carpentry, small engine repair and his understanding of the land to get closer to the inmates and develop their trust and gain their respect.

He was also involved in counseling and was a positive influence on many men at the Centre.

More information on the medal can be found on the Internet at:
http://collections.ic.gc.ca/governor/honours/H13-2_e.html

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