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Delegate Tso attends Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center dedication ceremony

PHOTO: Council Delegate Otto Tso attends Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center dedication ceremony in Tuba City, Arizona on August 24, 2016.

TUBA CITY, Ariz. – On Wednesday morning, Council Delegate Otto Tso (Tó Nanees Dizi) attended the Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center dedication ceremony in Tó Nanees Dizi, Arizona. Over 100 elders from the surrounding communities of Tó Nanees Dizi attended the celebration for the temporary modular building that will be utilized by the Navajo Area on Aging program.

"The elders of Tó Nanees Dizi need a facility to gather. In 2014, the senior center was condemned and it was shutdown. For the past two years, the elders have been gathering at the chapter to eat and receive services. This is a great time to celebrate and honor our elders and we need to continue to listen and take care of them," stated Delegate Tso during his keynote address at the event.

Tó Nanees Dizi Local Government executive manager Regina Allison stated that the chapter renovated the modular building for the senior citizens, which cost the chapter $200,000 for

renovation, furniture, fixtures, and archeological and environmental clearance expenses for the modular building.

The modular building is located on the same lot of the closed senior center and consists of a dining hall, two handicap accessible bathrooms with showers, utility room with washer and dryer amenities, and administration officers for NAAA staff.

“We are thankful that we have Delegate Tso’s and Council’s support. At times, we feel forgotten and we feel that we are left behind on all planning for growth and development” stated a Coalmine Canyon elder who receives services from Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center.

Delegate Tso, added that he will continue to advocate for Navajo elders by sponsoring and supporting legislations that assist in services and resources for elders.

On July 7, Delegate Tso introduced Legislation No. 0217-16, which seeks approval for supplemental funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of $3,745,312.00 for the construction of a new Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center.

The modular Tó Nanees Dizi senior citizens center will be open to elders when Navajo Nation Office of Environmental Health approves all facility inspections.

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