

Julie Green—Acknowledgement
Ruth Spence
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Acknowledgements

MS. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of my great friend and mentor Ruth Spence.

Mrs. Spence was a force to be reckoned with from the time she arrived in Yellowknife. She was the first Executive Director of the YWCA in Yellowknife. She built the Y from a 12-bed home for single women to the 84 apartments at Northern United Place.

Mrs. Spence served several terms on the Yellowknife City Council, was chair of the Stanton Territorial Hospital, and the Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority. She was honoured with one of the first orders of the NWT last year.

She lived the famous saying of another great Canadian woman, Agnes MacPhail: "Never apologize, never explain, just get the thing done and let them howl."