One of the most influential Iñupiat of her generation, Marie “Qaquan” Carroll’s work for the people and communities of the Arctic Slope is inspiring.

When the International Whaling Commission prohibited subsistence bowhead whaling, she was instrumental in helping to overturn the ban and preserve Alaska Natives’ sovereign rights. Marie’s work for the local government during peak oil and gas activity at Prudhoe Bay helped bring needed infrastructure and modern amenities to northern Alaska. Her advocacy as CEO of ASNA secured funding to construct Samuel Simmons Memorial Hospital, bringing state-of-the-art health care to Utqiaġvik. And so much more.

As we celebrate Marie’s retirement and decades of service to the North Slope, her work is visible all around us and her impact felt across the region. On behalf of Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat, thank you for everything you’ve done Marie!