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IN MEMORIAM

Chief Joseph (Joe) William Mathias
November 12, 1943 — March 10, 2000

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Mathias laid to rest

NORTH VANCOUVER -- About 2000 mourners turned out in North Vancouver today to mark the passing of Squamish Nation Chief Joe Mathias. The mourners stood out of respect as they played "El Condor Passa," the song Mathias had specifically requested for his funeral. Former First Nations Summit co-chair Wendy John delivered the eulogy: "I think Joe was meant to be remembered as he was at this time in his life, at the pinnacle of his strength....with the fire in his belly....and with his voice reverberating in these halls." Mathias was remembered for his lifelong fight for native treaty rights. Among the mourners, Premier Ujjal Dosanjh, senior BC federal Liberal MP David Anderson and former Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi.

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