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## Senator Webb Honors Roberson Museum with the New York State Senate Empire Award

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**Binghamton, NY** – Senator Lea Webb presented the New York State Senate's Empire Award to the Roberson Museum & Science Center. The Empire Award, is the highest honor bestowed by the State Senate on businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to their communities.

Roberson Museum was founded in 1934 through the benevolent vision of Alonzo Roberson. The Roberson Mansion stands as a testament to his legacy and commitment to community enrichment. Initially established as per the wishes outlined in his will, the fruition of his dream unfolded with the opening of the Roberson Memorial Center to the public in 1954, following the passing of his widow, Margaret.

Nestled in the heart of Binghamton, New York, Roberson Museum is a cherished cornerstone of the community, offering a multifaceted experience that seamlessly blends art, history, and science for 70 years. As one of Binghamton's premier destinations, it serves as an educational beacon, illuminating the minds of visitors of all ages.

"As a proud supporter of the arts and an advocate for education, I am delighted to present Roberson Museum & Science Center with the New York State Senate Empire Award," **said Senator Lea Webb.** "This museum has been a cornerstone of the Southern Tier community that has enriched lives, ignited curiosity, and fostered a lifelong love of learning for 70 years. Roberson Museum's contributions to Binghamton are invaluable, and I look forward to seeing its continued impact for generations to come."

"I am honored to accept the Empire State Award from Senator Webb on behalf of the Museum," **said Michael Grasso, Executive Director of Roberson Museum and Science Center.**

"Roberson is a staple within our community that has offered unforgettable experiences for 70 years. This Museum is a beacon of hope for the future of Binghamton, and allows all who visit to learn a little more about the art, history, and science of our region."

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**Photos from the Announcement ([LINK](#))**