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From the Bottom of Our Hearts

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Sen. Martinez and local students show appreciation for veterans and seniors.

Love is in the air this Valentine's Day, and so are heartfelt messages of gratitude for local veterans and seniors who received hundreds of handmade cards, letters, and drawings from elementary school-aged students. Collected by New York State Sen. Monica R. Martinez, these thoughtful notes were distributed to older neighbors and veterans in the Fourth Senatorial District. The submissions showcase how sweet kindness can be, offering both students and recipients a meaningful reminder of the community's appreciation for their

contributions. This effort encouraged students to express gratitude and warmth to those who have made significant contributions to our country and their communities, reinforcing the importance of recognizing their service and dedication.



"A little heart goes a long way, and these students have certainly put their hearts into every card, letter, and drawing," said Sen. Martinez. "These thoughtful messages remind our veterans and seniors that they are valued and appreciated, not just on Valentine's Day, but every day. It's inspiring to see young people take the time to share kindness, proving that even the smallest gestures can have the biggest impact."

Sen. Martinez has sponsored the card drive each year she has served in the Senate, partnering with libraries and elementary schools in the district to collect the notes. The effort resulted in over 1,700 cards and other tokens of appreciation being submitted this Valentine's Day.



