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State Senate will recognize local Civil War-era nurse as part of historical tribute

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Albany, N.Y., May 26—To commemorate the state and national observances of the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War, area Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) and his colleagues in the New York State Senate will make an early induction into the Senate's 2012 tribute to "Women of Distinction" from throughout New York State's history -- the Senate's version of a New York State Women's Hall of Fame. That's because through O'Mara's sponsorship, one of next year's inductees will be Susan E. Hall, who was raised in the Tompkins County town of Ulysses and is recognized as one of the first women from New York State to be accepted as a nurse in the Civil War. She served in field hospitals on numerous Civil War battlefields, including Bull Run and Gettysburg.

"It's fantastic local history and now's the time to honor it. The Senate's historical exhibit won't be on display again until next March, but there's no better time to begin paying tribute to Susan Hall," said O'Mara. "Susan Hall is a worthy reminder of the selflessness, compassion and bravery that distinguish all great New Yorkers."

[read the full announcement, including a short biography of Susan Hall, in the attachment below]