Media Advisory: Valentine's Day Comes Early for Local Heroes

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Kids Give Heartfelt Thanks to Veterans

Nanuet, NY – (February 8, 2012) – Just in time for Valentine's Day, Senator David Carlucci on Friday will host his second annual "Valentines for Veterans Celebration" where 60 fourth grade students from Pearl River's Franklin Avenue Elementary School will be presenting valentines and singing tribute songs to Rockland County's brave veterans and featured guests.

The "Valentines for Veterans" effort has brought millions of Valentine's Day cards to our nation's heroic men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our nation.   The event coincides with National Salute to Veteran Patients Week (February 13-19) and allows the opportunity for the public to join in the recognition.

The songs scheduled to be performed by the students include *Star Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, God Bless the USA,* and *Proud of our Veterans.*

The presentation, which will be held at the Senator's Veterans Advisory Committee meeting, will feature special guest William Kraus, Acting Director of the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs. The event will include up to 60 local veterans that provide strategic advice

on local issues of concern, as well as legislative proposals and ideas to take with him up to Albany.

WHO: Senator David Carlucci

Williams Kraus, Acting Director, New York State Division of Veterans Affairs

Charles Colotta, Commander of VFW Ramapo Post 2973

Jerry Donnellan, Director of Rockland County Veterans Service Agency

Maureen Alaimo, Principal of Franklin Avenue Elementary School

Fourth Grade Class of Franklin Avenue Elementary School

WHAT: Second Annual Valentines for Veterans Celebration

WHEN: Friday, February 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM

WHERE: VFW Ramapo Post 2973, 16 Ramapo Road, Suffern, NY

NOTES: For more information, please contact Jason Elan at (845) 623-3627.